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TO: Senators and Legislative Staff

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SUBJECT: Preliminary Report on Bills Passed During the 2016 Regular Legislative Session

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We are pleased to provide you this preliminary edition of our summary of "Bills Passed During the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, by Committee of Origin." This report includes a brief description of each Senate and House bill passed by the 2016 Legislature, including summaries of the Governor's veto actions as of March 17. Bills passed during the Special Legislative Session will be added at the conclusion of the session. The final Regular Session Report can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/SENATE/COMMITTEES/Pages/default.aspx>.

You will find that bills are listed under their committee of origin in the Senate. This report also includes a bill index at the end of the report.

We hope you find this report useful. Please feel free to contact me or any of our staff if you have any questions or need any further information or assistance.



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ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM

786-7435

SB 6156: REAUTHORIZING THE MEDICAID FRAUD FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

(ESHB 1067 Representative Jenkins)

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- Reenacts and codifies the state's Medicaid fraud false claims act.
- Delays expiration for qui tam provisions until June 30, 2023.

SHB 2359: UPDATING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

- Updates forms throughout the RCW to remove reference to the date as "19__." Instead, the form provides a more general space for the date noted as "(year)."
 - Makes other technical updates to address expired or conflicting statutes.
- *SB 6492 is incorporated in its entirety into SHB 2359 as described below:*
- Authorizes the Secretary of State's office to accept electronic transmissions of certain corporations and partnership related documents.
 - Extends current Secretary of State authority to require a summary face sheet or cover sheet for certain filings to also include those submitted by Limited Liability Companies.
 - Removes a statutory requirement for the Secretary of State's office to prepare and make available a form entitled "notice of termination of state registered domestic partnership."

AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

786-7411

2ESB 5251: TRANSFERRING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

(HB 1464 Representative Hudgins)

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- Requires the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Commerce (Commerce), and the Public Works Board (PWB) to develop memorandums of understanding transferring financial administration of the safe drinking water program to DOH by December 31, 2016.
- Provides that, until June 30, 2018, expenditures from the safe drinking water assistance account may be made by DOH, PWB, and Commerce, and that, beginning July 1, 2018, only DOH may expend money from the account.
- Makes technical changes.

ESSB 6179: CONCERNING WATER BANKING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

- Requires the Department of Ecology to post regularly on its website a schedule of up-to-date information about water rights banking mitigation credits for sale by each water bank.

ESSB 6206: AUTHORIZING THE GROWING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa

(SHB 1552 Representative Shea)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Allows Industrial hemp to be grown in Washington only under license from the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and as part of WSDA's industrial hemp research program.
- Requires WSDA to establish an industrial hemp research program that meets federal requirements including certification of hemp seed and establishment of an industrial hemp research program.
- Allows Washington State University to study specified aspects of industrial hemp production in Washington only by use of funding from federal or private sources.

SSB 6290: CONCERNING THE APPLE COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

(HB 2412 Representative Blake)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Changes the basis of representation for the growers' vote to increase or decrease the assessment made by the Apple Commission, from the acreage planted, to the net shipping weight of apples produced.
- Reorganizes, clarifies, and updates the statutes governing the Apple Commission.

SB 6345: MERGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DISTRICTS AND ACCOUNTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Takko

(HB 2633 Representative Blake)

- Combines the two fruit and vegetable inspection administration districts into one statewide district.
- Leaves in place the 10 statewide inspection stations.

ESSB 6513: CONCERNING RESERVATIONS OF WATER IN WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREAS 18 AND 45

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

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- Declares the Legislature's intent to authorize the Department of Ecology to process applications for water rights to use permit-exempt wells in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 18 and WRIA 45, the Elwha-Dungeness River Basin and the Wenatchee Basin, respectively.

ESB 6589: CONCERNING A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXAMINE WHETHER WATER STORAGE WOULD PROVIDE NONINTERRUPTIBLE WATER RESOURCES TO USERS OF PERMIT EXEMPT WELLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

- Requires the Department of Ecology (DOE) to report to the Legislature, by December 2016, on the results of a study to determine whether effectively-sized water storage to recharge the Skagit River Basin is feasible for providing year-round water to users of permit-exempt wells.
- Stipulates that the participants in the study are the Department of Health, DOE, Skagit County, tribes, and non-municipally owned public water systems.

ESSB 6605: ENSURING THAT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE, PLANT PATHOGENS, AND PESTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

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- Provides opportunities for the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to raise concerns about the spread of pests and diseases potentially caused by the handling of solid waste and waste-derived soil amendments, as indicated by WSDA's declarations of quarantine.
- Adds opportunities for WSDA to advise and comment on existing solid waste permitting processes and exemptions from permitting at the state, county, and city levels.
- Requires WSDA to review applications to establish or modify solid waste handling facilities only when the application proposes the facility receive material for composting that comes from areas under quarantine and the facility is located in an area not under quarantine.
- Allows the Department of Ecology (DOE) to classify areas of the state with respect to an area's status under a quarantine when DOE establishes minimum functional standards for solid waste handling.
- Establishes penalties of up to \$1,000 per day for violations of the conditions attached to exemptions from solid waste permitting requirements.

EHB 2478: SUPPORTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, INCLUDING THAT OF APIARISTS, THROUGH THE PRESERVATION OF FORAGE FOR POLLINATORS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson

- Requires state agencies and the Washington Conservation Corps to consider achieving a net gain in pollinator forage as a result of their ongoing land management projects.
- Requires the State Noxious Weed Control Board to pursue a pilot project ending in June 2021, preceded by a report to the Legislature in October 2020.
- Requires the pilot project to produce a matrix that private and public landowners can apply to their land management activities, resulting in replacement of noxious weeds with seasonally balanced forage patches.

**HB 2634: MODIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WASHINGTON
DAIRY PRODUCTS COMMISSION TO INCLUDE RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC USES OF NUTRIENTS
PRODUCED BY DAIRY FARMS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buys

(SB 6343 Senator Warnick)

- Allows the Dairy Products Commission to conduct research and education related to economic uses of nutrients produced by dairy farms.

COMMERCE & LABOR

786-7426

SB 5342: CONCERNING DEFINITIONS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa (2SHB 1651 Representative Ryu)

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- Adds definitions to the human trafficking laws for purposes of required disclosures to foreign workers.
- Defines human trafficking as an act conducted for purposes of exploitation, including forced labor, by any particular means, which may include threats of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, or abuse of power or a vulnerable position.

SSB 5597: CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach (HB 1196 Representative G. Hunt)

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- Removes from the existing reciprocity provisions that an applicant be licensed under substantially similar licensing regulations in another state.
- Provides reciprocity to an applicant for a real estate appraiser license, by waiving examination requirements, if the applicant is licensed in a state complying with federal regulations and whose licensing requirements meet or exceed Washington's requirements.

SB 6148: CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IN A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY
Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick (HB 2305 Representative Ryu)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Adds trailers, recreational vehicles, and campers to the vehicles that may be towed or removed in lieu of sale after the occupant of a self-storage facility is in default in payment and the statutory notices are provided.

SSB 6177: MODIFYING MARIJUANA RESEARCH LICENSE PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to take the lead role of reviewing projects submitted by marijuana research license applicants.
- Provides additional project assessment criteria for the reviewer to consider.
- Requires the research project applicant to pay the reviewer directly for the entire cost of the scientific review.
- Adds a new exemption to the Public Records Act that protects proprietary information and data submitted to or obtained by the LCB relating to the marijuana research licenses.

SSB 6281: ENACTING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Updates the Uniform Athlete Agents Act (Act) to reflect many of the changes to the model act.
- Expands the definition of athlete agent and adds additional items to the agent disclosure form.
- Requires that the parent or guardian of a minor be given information and notices and sign the agency contract.
- Allows an educational institution or athlete to bring an action for actual damages and attorneys' fees and costs. Violations of the Act are considered Consumer Protection Act violations.

ESSB 6293: ADDRESSING STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AND UNPAID STUDENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun

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- Expands the ability to provide medical aid benefits to more student volunteers and unpaid students. "Unpaid students" includes those students in unpaid, work-based learning programs such as cooperative education, clinical experiences, and internship programs.
- Extends the existing ability to provide coverage for public K-12 schools to all private K-12 schools and all public and private institutions of higher education.
- Allows an employer to pay the volunteer premiums and assessments to the Department of Labor and Industries based on 100-hours of volunteer service for each volunteer, instead of tracking the actual number of hours of service for each volunteer.

SB 6325: ALIGNING THE ALCOHOL CONTENT DEFINITION OF CIDER WITH THE FEDERAL DEFINITION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Baumgartner

- Aligns the definition of "cider" with the federal definition. The maximum alcohol content of cider is increased to 8.5 percent alcohol by volume, instead of 7 percent alcohol by volume.

SSB 6341: CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL SERVICES AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS BY CANNABIS PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Authorizes cannabis producers and processors to provide retailers with personal services and branded promotional items. Specifies that promotional items must be \$30 or less in value and may not be targeted to youth.
- Authorizes the producers and processors to post information on the Internet regarding where their products may be purchased, and allows them to produce materials promoting tourism.

SB 6398: CONCERNING CERTAIN CULTURAL FOODS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa

(HB 2744 Representative Santos)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Requires the State Board of Health to consider scientific data regarding time-temperature safety standards for Asian rice-based noodles and Korean rice cakes in adopting rules for food service.
- Defines Asian rice-based noodles and Korean rice cakes.

SSB 6449: CONCERNING ENHANCED RAFFLES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hewitt

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- Extends the expiration date for enhanced raffles from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

ESSB 6470: ADDRESSING PROVISIONS CONCERNING WINERIES IN RESPECT TO THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE COLLECTIONS OF WINE, ALLOWING WINERIES TO MAKE SALES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AT SPECIAL OCCASION LICENSED EVENTS, MODIFYING SPECIAL OCCASION LICENSES, AND MAKING CERTAIN RELATED TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 2701 Representative Wylie)

- Permits a not-for-profit organization with a special occasion liquor license to sell wine in original, unopened containers for consumption on the premises.
- Allows a domestic winery to sell wine of its own production at a not-for-profit organization's licensed special occasion event under specified conditions.
- Allows the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a special permit to an individual or business to sell a private collection of wine or spirits to another individual or business.
- Includes a null and void clause if the bill is not referenced in the supplemental omnibus operating appropriations act.

E2SHB 1763: REGULATING MUSIC LICENSING AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van De Wege

- Establishes regulatory requirements for performing rights societies, also known as music licensing agencies. Performing rights societies, working for music creators, obtain licenses and collect royalties from business proprietors playing music at their establishments.
- Creates new royalty contract requirements.
- Prohibits certain conduct and provides civil penalties of up to \$1,000.

HB 2320: PROVIDING THAT THE HORSE RACING COMMISSION OPERATING ACCOUNT IS A NONAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary

(SSB 6285 Senator Fain)

- Changes the Washington Horse Racing Commission Operating Account from an appropriated account to a nonappropriated account.

ESHB 2433: CONCERNING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FIRM MOBILITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Vick

(ESSB 6406 Senator Warnick)

- Authorizes out-of-state Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) firms to perform attest services within Washington without a CPA firm license issued by the Board of Accountancy, subject to restrictions.
- Requires non-CPA owners of CPA firms to be of good character.
- Changes the use of certain terms in the Public Accountancy Act.

SHB 2443: CONCERNING THE COMPLIANCE OF CERTAIN CONVERSION VENDING UNITS AND MEDICAL UNITS WITH CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sells

(SB 6496 Senator King)

- Requires out-of-state conversion vending units (food trucks) and medical units to meet state standards.
- Modifies plan review requirements for conversion vending units.

HB 2444: ELIMINATING THE REFERENCE TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW FUND

Prime Sponsor: Representative Manweller

(SB 6231 Senator Hasegawa)

- Updates the industry classification system required to be used by the Department of Labor and Industries for purposes of the Worker and Community Right to Know fund to the current system used by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

HB 2520: CONCERNING THE SALE OF MARIJUANA TO REGULATED COOPERATIVES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie

(SB 6304 Senator Rivers)

- Authorizes licensed marijuana producers to grow marijuana plants for sale to medical marijuana cooperatives.
- Requires all marijuana plants grown by a medical marijuana cooperative to be purchased or cloned from plants grown by a licensed marijuana producer.

HB 2521: ALLOWING FOR PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNSELLABLE MARIJUANA BY A LICENSED MARIJUANA RETAIL OUTLET

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie

(SB 6303 Senator Rivers)

- Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to develop rules allowing marijuana retailers to properly dispose of damaged or unwanted marijuana products.

SHB 2584: CONCERNING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE LIQUOR AND CANNABIS BOARD REGARDING MARIJUANA PRODUCT TRACEABILITY AND OPERATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Vick

(ESB 6207 Senator Rivers)

- Adds two exemptions to the Public Records Act concerning the disclosure of sensitive personal records and business records submitted to the Liquor and Cannabis Board by marijuana business applicants and licensees.

HB 2605: CREATING A SPECIAL PERMIT BY A MANUFACTURER OF BEER TO HOLD A PRIVATE EVENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF TASTING AND SELLING BEER OF ITS OWN PRODUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SB 6346 Senator King)

- Allows beer manufacturers to apply with the Liquor and Cannabis Board for a special permit to taste and sell beer of their own production at private, invitation-only gatherings.
- Limits the manufacturers to no more than 12 events per year.

SHB 2831: ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESSES LICENSED TO SELL LIQUOR IN WASHINGTON STATE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hurst

- Creates a new endorsement for beer and/or wine specialty shops that allows them to sell wine in the original containers to restaurants and bars. Places volume limits on these sales. Allows delivery of these products to other licensed retailers, other registered facilities, or to out-of-state purchasers.
- Allows authorized retailers to use collective buying of wine and spirits to achieve volume discounts. The group of retailers may accept delivery of wine and spirits at a single location that may be their licensed premises, another licensed premises, or a warehouse.
- Authorizes certain licensees to utilize warehouse facilities, individually or jointly, for storing and distributing both liquor and non-liquor items.

HB 2886: CONCERNING ELECTRICAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Manweller

- Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industries to modify by rule the specialty scopes of electrical work for restricted nonresidential maintenance, equipment repair, and telecommunications.

EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

786-7420

2SSB 5252: CREATING A PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT REGIONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY CENTERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

(HB 1974 Representative Stambaugh)

**2SSB 5252 is incorporated in its entirety into ESB 6620.*

SB 5392: ELIMINATING THE QUALITY EDUCATION COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

**SB 5392 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 2360.*

ESB 5879: CONCERNING EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Billig

(HB 1794 Representative Sawyer)

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- Identifies the Department of Early Learning (DEL) as the state-lead agency for the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program and provides rulemaking authority.
- Directs DEL and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide a full accounting for the ESIT program during the 2013-14 and the 2014-15 school years.
- Requires DEL to develop and submit a plan to the Legislature by December 15, 2016 on comprehensive and coordinated early intervention services for all eligible children with disabilities.

SB 6192: IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GAP, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GAP OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator McCoy

**SB 6192 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to those in 4SHB 1541.*

E2SSB 6194: CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT COMMON SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(HB 2367 Representative Rep. Magendanz)

- Reenacts and amends Initiative 1240 provisions to authorize a limited number of charter schools and address the Washington Supreme Court's concerns of non-common school status and funding source.
- Declares that charter public schools are not common schools; operate outside the common school system; and are funded from the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account.
- Makes numerous additional modifications, including prohibiting local school levy funds from being used for charter schools, prohibiting the conversion of common schools into charter schools, and adding the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chair of the State Board of Education to the membership of the Washington State Charter Commission.

E2SSB 6195: CONCERNING BASIC EDUCATION OBLIGATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

(ESHB 2366 Representative Lytton)

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- Creates the Education Funding Task Force (EFTF) to continue the work of the Governor's informal work group on implementing the state's defined program of basic education.

- Appropriates \$500,000 for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to contract for a consultant to gather and analyze school staff compensation data and report to the EFTF.
- Directs the Legislature to take action by the end of the 2017 session to eliminate school district dependency on local levies to implement the state's defined program of basic education.

2SSB 6243: REGARDING A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS CONCERNING STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

**2SSB 6243 is incorporated in part into ESB 6620 and E2SHB 2439.*

SB 6244: IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GAP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

**SB 6244, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, was not enacted, but provisions are similar to those in 4SHB 1541.*

SB 6245: CONCERNING VISUAL SCREENING IN SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

**HB 1865 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Requires near vision screening in addition to distance vision screening in schools.

SSB 6273: CONCERNING SAFE TECHNOLOGY USE AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

(HB 2595 Representative Ortiz-Self)

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- Directs the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with an advisory committee, to develop best practices and recommendations for student instruction in digital citizenship, Internet safety, and media literacy and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2016.
- Requires school districts, in consultation with stakeholders, to annually review their policies and procedures on electronic resources and Internet safety beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

SB 6298: ENACTING THE HOMELESS STUDENT STABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY GAP ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**SB 6298, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to those in 3SHB 1682.*

SB 6332: CONCERNING THE SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(E2SHB 2573 Representative Santos)

**SB 6332, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, was not enacted, but provisions are similar to those in E2SSB 6455.*

SB 6371: CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "AGENCY" FOR PURPOSES OF EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(HB 2671 Representative Kagi)

- Removes the requirement that schools not accept custody of children in order to exempt schools from child care licensing requirements.

SB 6432: MAKING PROVISIONS TO EVALUATE STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH SKILLS THAT PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(HB 2373 Representative Senn)

**SB 6432 is incorporated in part into E2SHB 2439.*

E2SSB 6455: EXPANDING THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR WORKFORCE BY INCREASING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION, CREATING A MORE ROBUST ENROLLMENT FORECASTING, AND ENHANCING RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

(HB 2921 Representative Hickel)

**E2SHB 2573, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, and SB 6332, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, were not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Requires the development of a statewide teacher recruitment campaign.
- Increases professional opportunities in education by issuing professional certificates to certain out-of-state teachers seeking employment in Washington and expanding conditional scholarship programs.

**E2SHB 2573 and 2SHB 1737, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, and SB 6332, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, were not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Allows retired teachers to work as substitute teachers without suspension of retirement benefits.
**E2SHB 2573, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar as described below:*
- Supports individuals entering the teaching profession by creating grant opportunities, expanding alternative route programs, and increasing teacher mentorship.
**E2SHB 1983, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 6455, as described below:*
- Creates the Teacher Endorsement and Certification Help (TEACH) pilot project.
** SB 5559, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Higher Education, was not enacted, but is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 6455, as described below:*
- Allows institutions of higher education to waive the tuition and fees for public school classified staff.

ESB 6620: CONCERNING A STATEWIDE PLAN FOR FUNDING COST-EFFECTIVE METHODS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

- Directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to evaluate how Washington and other states have addressed the funding of school safety and security programs and submit a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2017.
- Requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the School Safety Advisory Committee to hold an annual school safety summit with certain legislative and non-legislative members.

**2SSB 6243 is incorporated in part into ESB 6620, as described below:*

- Tasks OSPI with creating an online social and emotional training module by September 1, 2017.

**2SSB 5252 is incorporated in its entirety into ESB 6620, as described below:*

- Allows educational service districts to implement a regional school safety and security program.

EHB 1003: CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL POLICY ON NATURAL DISASTER SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hawkins

**SB 6553 is incorporated in part into EHB 1003:*

- Directs the Washington State School Directors' Association to develop a model policy by August 31, 2017 addressing restoration of the safe learning environment after a natural disaster.
- Specifies that the model policy take into consideration existing guidance, include a recovery checklist, list contact information and emergency funding sources, and include a model continuity of operations plan for use by school districts.
- Encourages school districts to adopt the model policy locally and review safe school plans.

HB 1345: ADOPTING A DEFINITION AND STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lytton

- Adopts a statewide definition of professional learning.
- Encourages public schools and school districts to establish targeted, sustained, relevant professional learning opportunities that meet the definition and are aligned to state and district goals.

SHB 1408: CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEFINITION AND MODEL FOR "FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR" AND OTHER TERMS USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH IT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self

- Directs the Office of the Education Ombuds and the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, in collaboration with specified stakeholders, to recommend a definition for the staff position of "parent involvement coordinator" or "family engagement coordinator" and a model or framework for the position by December 1, 2016.

4SHB 1541: IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GAP, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GAP OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos

**SB 6192 and SB 6244, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, were not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Makes a number of changes to student discipline law, including prohibiting certain types of suspensions and expulsions, limiting the length, and requiring policies and procedures.
- Requires the development of cultural competence training for school staff and encourages the use of this training.
- Mandates that teachers assigned to the Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program have a bilingual education or English language learner endorsement.
- Requires phased-in collection and reporting of student data further disaggregated by sub-racial and sub-ethnic categories and creation of a task force to provide guidance.

**SB 6192 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Establishes the Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol to coordinate academic and non-academic supports and creates a work group to determine implementation.
- Removes the requirement that the expenditure of Learning Assistance Program funds be consistent with providing reading and literacy improvement strategies from a state menu to certain students.

3SHB 1682: IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS THROUGH INCREASED IN-SCHOOL GUIDANCE SUPPORTS, HOUSING STABILITY, AND IDENTIFICATION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey

**SB 6298, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Directs the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to award grants to school districts to increase the identification of homeless students and the capacity to support them.
- Tasks the Department of Commerce to award grants to school districts that partner with eligible organizations to provide housing assistance.
- Requires districts with more than 10 unaccompanied youth to establish a building point of contact in middle and high schools to connect them with the homeless student liaison.

**SB 2396, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Health Care, was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Authorizes a school nurse, school counselor, or homeless student liaison to provide informed consent for health care for a homeless child or youth when certain requirements are met.

2SHB 1737: ADDRESSING THE AVAILABILITY OF RETIRED TEACHERS AS SUBSTITUTES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt

**2SHB 1737, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, was not enacted, but provisions are substantially similar to those in E2SSB 6455.*

HB 1865: CONCERNING VISUAL SCREENING IN SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Magendanz

**HB 1865 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in SB 6245.*

E2SHB 1983: CREATING THE TEACH PILOT PROJECT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TEACHERS TAKING BASIC SKILLS AND CONTENT TESTS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet

**E2SHB 1983, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 6455.*

4SHB 1999: COORDINATING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FOSTER YOUTH IN ORDER TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlyle

- Transfers administration of three programs established to improve educational outcomes for youth in foster care from the Department of Social and Human Services (DSHS) to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) or Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC).
- Authorizes DSHS to disclose information from child welfare records that pertains to or may assist with meeting the educational needs of foster care youth in the three programs.
- Requires DSHS, OSPI, and WSAC to report twice a year on the programs' impact on the educational outcomes of foster care youth; and by November 2018 on whether the transfer of the programs has resulted in better coordinated services for foster care youth.

HB 2023: CHANGING THE DEADLINE FOR NOTICES OF NONRENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR CERTIFICATED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Parker

- Establishes that if the omnibus appropriations act does not pass the Legislature by the end of the regular session, then school districts and educational services districts have until June 15, rather than May 15, to issue contract nonrenewal notices to school employees.

HB 2360: ELIMINATING THE QUALITY EDUCATION COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lytton

SB 5392 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 2360, as described below:

- Eliminates the Quality Education Council, which includes legislative members and representatives from the state level education agencies and the Governor's office.

HB 2476: CONCERNING WAIVERS FROM THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-DAY SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Johnson

- Continues the State Board of Education's authorization to grant small school districts a waiver to operate on a four-day school week or other flexible school calendar by eliminating the 2017 expiration of the authorization.
- Maintains the requirement that school districts receiving the waiver must offer the minimum number of instructional hours required for all school districts.

ESHB 2511: CONCERNING CHILD CARE CENTER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pike

- States that a child's school enrollment status may not require that a child be placed within a specific mixed-age group.
- Amends the Department of Early Learning's definition of "school-age child" to mean a child who is five years of age through 12 years of age.

E2SHB 2573: CONCERNING THE SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos

(SB 6332 Senator Litzow)

**E2SHB 2573, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, was not enacted, but provisions are similar to those in E2SSB 6455.*

HB 2597: REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INCLUDE SEXUAL ABUSE AS A TOPIC IN PLANS ADDRESSING STUDENTS' EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL DISTRESS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

- Adds sexual abuse as a topic that must be included in a school district's plan to recognize, screen, and respond to emotional or behavioral distress in students.
- Specifies that the plan must include how districts will provide support to students and staff, how staff should respond to sexual abuse allegations, how the district will provide training to staff on the obligation to report physical abuse or sexual misconduct, and the protocol for notifying parents when there are sexual abuse allegations.

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

786-7406

SSB 5670: CLARIFYING EXPENDITURES UNDER THE STATE UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun

(HB 1782 Representative Wilcox)

**Governor Signed*

- Allows unspent funds in the Universal Services Account to be carried over to subsequent fiscal years.

ESB 6166: ALLOWING INCREMENTAL ELECTRICITY PRODUCED AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS TO QUALIFY AS AN ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE RESOURCE UNDER THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Takko

(HB 2455 Representative Morris)

- Allows a qualifying utility to use incremental electricity produced as a result of a capital investment to an industrial biomass facility completed after March 31, 1999, as an eligible renewable resource to comply with the Energy Independence Act.
- Requires the facility to demonstrate the increase in electricity as a result of the capital investment.
- Directs the Department of Commerce to adopt rules to develop a methodology for calculating the baseline levels of generation of electricity prior to the capital investment.

SB 6196: MODIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES FOR THE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IN MANAGING DEPOSITS AND COST REIMBURSEMENTS OF THE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator McCoy

(HB 2620 Representative Tarleton)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Clarifies that, for the siting of major energy facilities in Washington, applicants and certificate holders must pay actual costs and reimburse for actual expenditures incurred by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) in processing an application or for inspecting and determination of compliance.
- Allows EFSEC to set the required deposit amount for applicants and certificate holders at less than \$50,000, and specifies that the deposits are made to the UTC, on behalf of EFSEC, rather than the State Treasurer.
- Requires any unexpended portion of a deposit to be returned within 60 days at the conclusion of the applicant process or when the certificate is no longer required.

ESSB 6248: CONCERNING RISK MITIGATION PLANS TO PROMOTE THE TRANSITION OF ELIGIBLE COAL UNITS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ericksen

(HB 2525 Representative Morris)

- Allows the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to authorize an electrical company to place regulatory liabilities in a retirement account to cover the decommissioning and remediation costs for specifically defined coal units.
- Prevents an electrical company from using regulatory liabilities for decommissioning and remediation costs for a coal unit that commenced operation before January 1, 1980, prior to December 31, 2022. However, the electrical company may use the regulatory liabilities prior to December 31, 2022, if it demonstrates to the UTC that a decision to close a coal unit is either: (1) prudent due to evidence that (a) continued operation of the unit

is economically or technologically unfeasible or requires a non-prudent capital investment, or (b) the unit has reached the end of its useful life; or (2) attributable to the actions of a co-owner or operator.

SB 6633: CONCERNING THE MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Extends the Marine Resources Advisory Council five years from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

SHB 1130: CONCERNING WATER POWER LICENSE FEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey

- Extends the fee paid by hydropower facilities licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from 2017 until 2023.
- Requires the Department of Ecology's (Ecology) biennial progress report on the use of water power license fees to include project-specific expenditure data.
- Requires Ecology and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement specific administrative requirements, including an annual survey to solicit feedback on departmental responsiveness.

E2SHB 2061: AUTHORIZING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES TO APPROVE CERTAIN GROUP B WATER SYSTEMS BASED UPON THEIR DELIVERY OF WATER MEETING SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Short

- Authorizes certain county legislative authorities to approve Group B water systems that serve less than nine connections if the groundwater does not meet water quality standards but the water delivered to the consumer does.
- Expires the authority to approve Group B water systems in 2021.

HB 2309: INCREASING THE AVAILABLE TERM OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM LOANS TO REFLECT THE 2014 AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT ALLOWING SUCH AN INCREASE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Smith

(SB 6150 Senator Honeyford)

- Extends the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan terms from 20 to 30 years or for the projected life of the project.

SHB 2357: CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson

(2SSB 6187 Senator Litzow)

- Establishes a revolving loan and grant program under the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency.
- Requires that loans and grants to be used for remedial actions at underground storage tank sites where there have been releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances.
- Requires remedial actions to meet clean-up standards and requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act.

EHB 2400: CLARIFYING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 70.95 RCW DO NOT APPLY TO STEEL SLAG THAT IS A PRODUCT OF PRODUCTION IN THE ELECTRIC ARC STEEL-MAKING PROCESS AND IS MANAGED AS AN ITEM OF COMMERCIAL VALUE AND PLACED IN COMMERCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

- Exempts steel slag generated during electric arc steel production and used for commercial purposes from solid waste management requirements.

ESHB 2785: ENSURING THAT RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SOLID FUEL BURNING DEVICES DO NOT PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OR REPLACEMENT OF SOLID FUEL BURNING DEVICES OR THE USE OF THESE DEVICES DURING TEMPORARY OUTAGES OF OTHER SOURCES OF HEAT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shea

- Provides that in the event of an emergency power outage, a person is not restricted from: (a) burning wood in or temporarily installing, replacing, or repairing an uncertified wood stove; or (b) installing or repairing a certified wood stove, or replacing an uncertified wood stove with a certified wood stove.
- Defines “emergency power outage.”

ESHB 2847: CREATING AN EXEMPTION TO THE DEFINITION OF SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHAPTER 90.58 RCW RELATING TO THE RETROFITTING OF EXISTING STRUCTURES TO ACCOMMODATE PHYSICAL ACCESS BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rossetti

- Removes retrofitting projects with the exclusive purpose of providing physical access to a structure by individuals with disabilities from the definition of "substantial development" in the Shorelines Management Act.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

786-7409

SB 5180: MODERNIZING LIFE INSURANCE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(SHB 1076 Representative Kirby)

**Governor Signed*

- Adopts the revised model act developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) for calculating insurance reserves, known as Principle Based Reserving (PBR).
- Retains the current methodology for valuing policy reserves until PBR becomes effective when the requisite number of states have adopted the model act.
- Requires insurance companies to establish reserves using a principle-based valuation, utilizing standards adopted by the NAIC in its Valuation Manual, once PBR is fully adopted.
- Requires the Valuation Manual to be used as the source for mortality and interest rates in establishing minimum benefit values for when a life insurance policy is surrendered or lapses.

SB 5265: ALLOWING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY TO ARRANGE FOR RECIPROCAL DEPOSITS OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 1304 Representative Kirby)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Authorizes public funds to be deposited in financial institutions outside the state of Washington if the initial deposit is through an in-state bank, the in-state bank remains custodian of the funds, and the funds are insured by an agency of the federal government.

SB 5581: ADDRESSING THE BENEFITS OF GROUP LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 1659 Representative Vick)

**Governor Signed*

- Adds grief counseling to the noninsurance benefits a licensed life insurer may provide as part of a policy or certificate of group life insurance with the prior approval of the Insurance Commissioner.
- Allows a licensed disability insurer to include noninsurance benefits - including will preparation, financial and estate planning, probate and estate settlement, and grief counseling - as part of a policy or certificate of group disability insurance with the prior approval of the Insurance Commissioner.

SB 6282: ADDRESSING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE MORTGAGE LENDING FRAUD PROSECUTION ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 2315 Representative Kirby)

**Governor Signed*

- Extends the expiration date for the mortgage lending fraud prosecution account from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2021.

SSB 6283: ADDRESSING THE SECURITIES ACT OF WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(SHB 2316 Representative Kirby)

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- Increases the time period for appealing the entry of an order by the Department of Financial Institutions from 15 days to 20 days, to be consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Updates statutory references listing exemptions to securities registration to include the exemption for crowdfunding adopted in 2014.

- Extends the director's authority to deny, revoke, or condition an exemption as it pertains to a security to the crowdfunding exemption.
- Reenacts the statute outlining criminal penalties for violation of the Securities Act to eliminate duplicate statutes passed in a previous session.

ESSB 6309: ADDRESSING REGISTERED SERVICE CONTRACT AND PROTECTION PRODUCT GUARANTEE PROVIDERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(ESHB 2355 Representative Kirby)

- Requires a service contract provider to submit the most recent annual financial statements of the company in order to provide assurance as to its financial viability at the time of registering with the Insurance Commissioner. If annual financial statements are not available, the service contract provider may submit the most recent financial statements.
- Allows a service contract provider to submit only the financial statements of the provider's parent company if the provider is relying on the net worth of a parent company to provide assurance as to its financial viability.
- Specifies the financial statements that must be submitted to the Insurance Commissioner with a service contract provider's annual report.

SSB 6342: CONCERNING PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Miloscia

(SHB 2585 Representative Robinson)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Transfers 10 percent of the statutory bond allocation for private activity bonds from student loans to housing, resulting in allocations of 42 percent for housing and 5 percent for student loans.
- Allows the entire initial allocation for student loans to be reallocated to housing in February 1 of any calendar year if the student loan allocation remains unused at that time.

ESB 6349: CONCERNING PUBLIC FUNDS AND DEPOSITS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HSB 2640 Representative Kirby)

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- Clarifies that letters of credit qualify as eligible collateral for public deposits and specifies when letters of credit are to be held by third parties and when they may need to be held instead by the commission administrator at the State Treasurer's office.
- Clarifies that investment deposits do not include time deposits represented by a transferable or negotiable certificate, instrument, passbook, or statement, or by book entry or otherwise.
- Amends the definition of a public depository to clarify that a financial institution with tax exempt status may be a public depository under certain circumstances.

**SHB 2936/SB 6596 is incorporated in its entirety into ESB 6349, as described below:*

- Modernizes public investment statutes to reflect current practices and understandings of state law.
- Aligns statutorily-permitted investment options to match the state constitution. Provides that any entity wishing to invest in certain instruments must adhere to State Investment Board policies for those investments.
- Provides each of the state government, local governments, and higher education institutions with their own independent statutory authority to invest their operating treasury funds. These authorities are currently commingled across several different RCW chapters.

SB 6405: ADDRESSING THE CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM FOR THE VETERANS AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

**Governor Signed*

- Includes the Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) in the definition of "group disability insurance" and excludes it from the definition of a "health plan".
- May offer the CHAMPVA to a qualified Washington resident under a group disability policy.

ESB 6413: MODIFYING RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT ACT PROVISIONS RELATING TO TENANT SCREENING, EVICTIONS, AND REFUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet

(HSB 2811 Representative Walkinshaw)

**Governor Signed*

- Requires a landlord to inform prospective tenants as to whether it will accept a portable screening report prior to conducting its own tenant screening and include the information on the landlord's home page if the landlord maintains a website for the rental premises.
- Authorizes a court to order that an eviction action be of limited dissemination if the action was without basis in law or fact, the tenancy was reinstated, or other good cause exists.
- Extends the time period for a landlord to give a former tenant a statement of the basis for retaining any portion of a rental deposit and any refund due from 14 days to 21 days.

EHB 1578: AUTHORIZING INSURERS TO OFFER CUSTOMER SATISFACTION BENEFITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

- Allows an insurer to offer a credit or other benefit as part of a personal insurance policy to be paid to a policyholder in the event the policyholder is dissatisfied with the service provided by the insurer.
- Requires a personal insurance premium to be taxed at the full cost of the premium even if the premium is reduced by a credit.

HB 2356: CONCERNING EMPLOYER AGREEMENTS TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EMPLOYEE COSTS FOR THE USE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SSB 6301 Senator Benton)

- Clarifies that an agreement to provide mileage reimbursement and incidental maintenance and repairs to a company's employees who use their personal vehicles for business purposes is exempt from the Insurance Code.

HB 2516: PROVIDING THAT COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDERS ARE NOT COMMUTER RIDE-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

- Excludes commuter ride-sharing or flexible commuter ride-sharing arrangements from the definition of commercial transportation services providers.

SHB 2859: CONCERNING CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES FOR MINORS AND INCAPACITATED PERSONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative S. Hunt

- Provides that a representative may request a security freeze on behalf of a protected consumer by submitting a request to a consumer reporting agency.
- Takes effect within 30 days and stays in effect until lifted by request of the consumer or representative.
- Provides protection for violation under the Consumer Protection Act.

SHB 2876: ADDRESSING THE FORECLOSURE OF DEEDS OF TRUST

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

- Amends the criteria for determining how lenders pay fees into the Foreclosure Fairness Account: (1) fees will now be based on the number of recorded notices of trustee's sale rather than the number of notices of default issued; (2) residential property being foreclosed need not be owner occupied in order to trigger a fee and may

include property with up to four dwelling units; (3) a lender that records fewer than 50 notices of trustee's sale in the preceding year is not required to pay the fee.

- Adjusts the distribution formula for the Foreclosure Fairness Account to maintain funding for homeowner counseling services; the consumer protection division of the Attorney General; the Office of Civil Legal Aid; and administrative services through the Department of Commerce.

SHB 2936: CONCERNING PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn

(SB 6596 Senator Hill)

**SHB 2936 is incorporated in its entirety into ESB 6349.*

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

786-7447

ESSB 5694: ALLOWING ASSESSMENTS FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT IN CITIES AND TOWNS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

**ESSB 5694 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in SHB 2519.*

SSB 5767: REVISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TREASURY PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

(HB 1815 Representative Wylie)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Modifies provisions relating to a county treasurer's authority to accept electronic payments and charge transaction processing costs, including allowing treasurers to absorb fees associated with electronic payments for taxes, and interest and penalties associated with taxes.
- Provides that the county legislative authority, or the legislative authority of a district where the county serves as treasurer, may direct the treasurer to not charge transaction fees for nontax payments under certain circumstances.
- Amends provisions relating to a local government's issuance of duplicate warrants for the payment of money when one is lost or destroyed
- Requires that a person requesting a duplicate warrant submit a written affidavit with information about the warrant and whether it was lost, destroyed, not received or not paid.

SB 6169: CONCERNING EASEMENTS IN PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

**SB 6169 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to those in HB 2457.*

SB 6170: PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION HELD BY A CITY RETIREMENT BOARD ON BEHALF OF ITS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(HB 2648 Representative Fey)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Exempts financial and commercial information relating to municipal retirement board investments in private funds from public disclosure requirements if disclosure would reasonably be expected to result in loss to the fund or to the information provider.
- Requires disclosure of the names of private funds, aggregate quarterly performance data, and the amount of municipal retirement board investments in private funds.

SB 6171: CONCERNING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR KNOWING ATTENDANCE BY A MEMBER OF A GOVERNING BODY AT A MEETING HELD IN VIOLATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(HB 2353 Representative S. Hunt)

**Governor Signed*

- Raises the civil penalty for knowing attendance at a meeting held in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act to \$500 for the first violation, and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

SB 6202: CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ARISING FROM STATE ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE BY A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

(HB 2390 Representative Klippert)

**Governor Signed*

- Transfers to the Adjutant General the primary responsibility for resolving disputes with employers alleged to have violated provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

SSB 6284: PREVENTING WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS FROM PROHIBITING MULTIPURPOSE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Takko

(HB 2503 Representative Buys)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Prevents water-sewer districts from prohibiting multipurpose fire sprinkler systems in single-family homes and townhomes.
- Prevents water-sewer districts from requiring a separate water meter or backflow preventer for a multipurpose fire system.

SSB 6315: CONCERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**SSB 6315 is incorporated in its entirety into SHB 2427.*

ESSB 6356: CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION AND SECURITY INFORMATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF PRIVATE CLOUD SERVICE PROVIDERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(ESHB 2604 Representative Kuderer)

**Governor Signed*

- Exempts personally identifiable employee information and other security information of private cloud service providers that have entered into a Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) agreement from public disclosure requirements.

SB 6491: CONCERNING APOSTILLE OR OTHER SIGNATURE OR ATTESTATION SERVICES BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Allows the Secretary of State to attest to the authenticity of the signature of a public official within the State of Washington, and attest to or certify the signature of a notary public.
- Prohibits the Secretary of State from attesting to or certifying the signature of a notary public on documents that (1) regard allegiance to the government, (2) relate to the relinquishment of sovereignty, or (3) set forth a claim of immunity from local, state, or federal laws.

SB 6492: CONCERNING FILING DOCUMENTS WITH THE CORPORATIONS DIVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

**SB 6492 is incorporated in its entirety into SHB 2359.*

SB 6553: PROVIDING FOR IMPROVING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BY EXPANDING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANNING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

**SB 6553 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to provisions in EHB 1003.*

SJR 8210: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO ADVANCE THE DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE REDISTRICTING PLAN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler

- Submits to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment moving the date for the Redistricting Commission to complete its business to November 15 of each year ending in one.

ESHB 1213: CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF VETERAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE FUND

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

(SB 5171 Senator Bailey)

- Modifies the definition of the family of a veteran for Count Veterans' Assistance Fund (Fund) purposes to include spouses, surviving domestic partners, and dependent children of service members killed in action, regardless of length of service.
- Amends the definition of veteran for purposes of the Fund to include any person who served in the active military or was a World War II-era civil service crew member and meets certain criteria.
- Modifies the definition of veteran to include a current member of the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve activated by presidential call-up for non-training purposes; and a former National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve member who fulfilled the initial service obligation or was released before their term ended and was released with an honorable characterization of service.
- Allows a county to expand the eligibility for the purposes of the Fund, which may include serving veterans with additional discharge characterizations, at the discretion of the county legislative authority and in consultation with the Veterans' Advisory Board.

EHB 1752: ADDRESSING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHIEF EXAMINERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hawkins

- Allows chief examiners working for the civil service commissions of county sheriff's offices to reside either in the county they serve or in the county adjacent to the county they serve.

HB 1858: PROHIBITING THE NAMES OF COUNTY AUDITORS AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM BEING INCLUDED ON BALLOT ENVELOPES AND IN VOTERS' PAMPHLETS WHEN RUNNING FOR REELECTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shea

- Prevents the name of the county auditor or Secretary of State from appearing in an official capacity on ballot materials if the official is standing for re-election.

HB 2391: CONCERNING COUNTY PAYROLL DRAW DAYS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McCabe

(SB 6155 Senator Roach)

- Removes portion of the law that allows draw day payments to be taken without payroll deductions.
- Increases the limit for draw day payments from 40 percent of an employee's monthly salary to 50 percent of an employee's monthly salary.

HB 2398: CLARIFYING CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM NONPROFIT AGENCIES FOR THE BLIND

Prime Sponsor: Representative Holy

- Adds references to the law relating to the purchase of blind-made goods and services to the procurement statutes.

SHB 2427: CONCERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

- Permits hospital administrators of certain county hospitals to issue warrants when authorized to do so by the county legislative authority and treasurer.
- Specifies that fare payment monitors may issue citations on forms designated by the Administrative Office of the Courts for certain civil infractions.
- Requires cities to inform counties of intent to be included in or excluded from transportation benefit areas by ordinance.

**SSB 6315 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Authorizes local agencies to use electronic signatures for official business.
- Modifies advertisement and bid requirements for purchases made by a county on a competitive basis and purchases by counties with purchasing requirements, including thresholds when advertisement and formal sealed bidding requirements may be dispensed with.

HB 2457: CONCERNING RECORDED INTERESTS IN EASEMENTS BY AN ELECTRIC UTILITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Young

**SB 6169 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Provides that, if an electric utility has a recorded interest in an easement, then any foreclosure of delinquent taxes on any tract of land subject to the easement - and the tax deed issued following sale - are subject to the easement regardless of when the easement was established.

SHB 2519: ALLOWING NUISANCE ABATEMENT COST RECOVERY FOR CITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative McCaslin

**ESSB 5694 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Authorizes a city or town to levy a special assessment on property where a nuisance threatening health or safety is situated to reimburse the city or town for abatement expenses.
- Establishes that the special assessment is a lien, binding upon successors in title once recorded, and up to \$2,000 of the lien is of equal rank with state, county, and municipal taxes.

HB 2557: ADDRESSING THE RETURN OF UNUSED SHARED LEAVE

Prime Sponsor: Representative S. Hunt

- Provides that unused shared leave may not be returned until the agency head receives a statement from the employee's doctor that the illness or injury is resolved, or the employee is released to full-time employment, has not received medical treatment for a qualifying condition for at least six months, and the employee's doctor has declined the employee's request for a statement indicating the employee's condition has been resolved.
- Establishes that the agency head must approve a new shared leave request for the employee if a shared leave account is closed and the employee later has a need to use shared leave due to the same condition.

HB 2623: CONCERNING RECOUNTS OF STATEWIDE ADVISORY MEASURES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van Werven

(SB 6339 Senator Roach)

- Exempts statewide advisory votes from recount requirements.
- Prohibits the Secretary of State from directing a recount on any statewide advisory vote.

HB 2624: CONCERNING ELECTION ERRORS INVOLVING MEASURES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunt

- Authorizes voters to challenge the certification of an election result on any measure, or challenge the right of a candidate to appear on the general election ballot after a primary.

HB 2637: CREATING THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Manweller

- Creates the Washington State Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant program (Program) in the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).
- Establishes that the Program is intended to benefit the public by preserving the state's historic heritage, allowing historic cemeteries to continue serving communities and honoring military veterans.
- Allows cemetery property owners, nonprofit organizations, and local governments to apply for grants for construction, renovation, or rehabilitation projects that preserve a cemetery's historic character, features, or maintain or improve the functions of the cemetery.
- Requires that applications be submitted to DAHP and be evaluated by a committee established by the Director of DAHP.
- Provides that grant awards may not exceed \$50,000 and grant recipients must maintain the cemetery for at least 10 years.
- Requires that public access and tribal access be provided under reasonable terms and conditions and visits by nonprofit organizations and school groups be offered at least one day per year.

HB 2663: IMPLEMENTING SUNSHINE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPEAL OBSOLETE EXEMPTIONS TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

- Removes exemptions from public disclosure requirements for records of inactive programs and records of individual liquor purchases.

HB 2771: CONCERNING PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT CONTRACTS FOR MATERIAL AND WORK

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist

(SB 6214 Senator Pearson)

- Removes the prohibition on a public hospital district from entering into a contract for more than the amount of the estimated cost of materials or work.

HB 2772: CONCERNING JOB ORDER CONTRACTS BY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Johnson

(SB 6213 Senator Pearson)

- Establishes that public hospital districts with total revenues greater than \$15 million per year are included in the list of entities that can use job order contracting.
- Allows the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to issue job order contract work-orders for public hospital districts.

HB 2800: CORRECTING A DOUBLE AMENDMENT CONCERNING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haler

- Amends the statute to reference both subsections that were added in SHB 1145 (2015) and HB 1013 (2015) dealing with meetings of county legislative authorities and to correct internal references.
- Corrects the reference to receiving notice via electronic mail [email].

ESHB 2852: ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR ELECTION DATA AND REPORTING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hudgins

- Requires that each county auditor make ballot counts publicly available at the end of each day ballots are counted.
- Directs the Secretary of State to develop statewide election data and reporting standards.
- Directs the Secretary of State to publish a statewide survey of ballot rejections and related data every other year.

SHB 2875: ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Smith

- Creates the Office of Privacy and Data Protection (Office).
- Requires that the Office conduct an annual privacy review, conduct annual privacy training for state agencies and employees, articulate privacy principles and best practices for state agencies, coordinate data protection, and participate in the review of major state agency projects involving personally identifiable information.
- Establishes that the Office must serve as a resource to local governments and the public by developing and promoting best practices, conducting trainings, and educating consumers about personal information security on mobile and digital networks.
- Requires that the Office submit a report to the Legislature at least once every four years containing information on broadband deployment and broadband access inequalities.

EHB 2883: ADDRESSING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY BY ELIMINATING OR REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCY REPORTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn

- Eliminates or reduces in frequency various reports by state agencies to the Governor and Legislature.
- Eliminates or reduces in frequency some inter-agency reports.

HB 2918: GRANTING A CITY OR TOWN THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A TRAFFIC SCHOOL WITHOUT COUNTY CONSENT, CONTROL, OR SUPERVISION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson

- Authorizes cities, towns, and counties to establish traffic schools separately, without forming an agreement.
- Provides that each traffic school is under the control and supervision of the governing body that established it.

HEALTH CARE

786-7456

SB 5143: CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION RESOURCES FOR EXPECTING PARENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker
**Governor Signed*

- Requires the Department of Health to develop and make available resources for expecting parents regarding recommended childhood immunizations.

SSB 5145: CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY CLINICAL COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier
**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Authorizes one member of the Health Technology Clinical Committee (HTCC) to be appointed by the Washington State Medical Association or the Washington State Osteopathic Medical Association.
- Requires any rotating clinical experts selected to advise the HTCC to be nonvoting members.

SB 5458: CONCERNING HEALTH DISTRICT BANKING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel
**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Authorizes health districts to act as the custodians of district funds, keep records, and draw, honor and pay warrants or checks.
- Requires districts to first receive consent from the county legislative authority before exercising this authority.

SB 5549: CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINING OF PHARMACY ASSISTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jayapal *(HB 1719 Representative Robinson)*
**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Permits the Department of Health to establish registration fees for pharmacy assistants.
- Provides that pharmacy assistants are subject to disciplinary action of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission and the Uniform Disciplinary Act.

SB 5689: CONCERNING THE SCOPE AND COSTS OF THE DIABETES EPIDEMIC IN WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker *(HB 1835 Representative Harris)*
**Governor Signed*

- Requires the Health Care Authority, the Department of Social and Health Services, and the Department of Health to develop plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in Washington, improve diabetes care, and control medical complications and financial impacts associated with diabetes.
- Requires the Health Care Authority, the Department of Social and Health Services, and the Department of Health to submit a coordinated report to the Legislature every two years beginning December 31, 2019. The report must include information on agency efforts to control and prevent diabetes as well as ways to control costs of the disease.

SSB 5728: CONCERNING SCREENING FOR HIV INFECTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

**Governor Signed*

- Requires clinicians to screen for HIV infection for all patients who are 15 through 65 years of age. Patients must be informed of the screening and provided an opportunity to decline.
- Prohibits clinicians from denying services or treatment to a patient who declines HIV screening.

SSB 5778: CONCERNING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

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- Prohibits the Department of Health from increasing fees on ambulatory surgical facilities until July 1, 2018.
- Provides that ambulatory surgical facilities may only be surveyed by the Department of Health once every 18 months. If the facility is subsequently certified or accredited by an approved accrediting organization, the Department of Health may only survey the facility once every 36 months.
- Requires the Department of Health to conduct a benchmark survey that compares Washington's system for licensing ambulatory surgical facilities with other states. Survey findings must be reported to the Health Care Committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

5ESSB 5857: ADDRESSING REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

- Establishes oversight for pharmacy benefit managers with the Office of Insurance Commissioner and transfers the registration from the Department of Revenue.
- Modifies the appeal process for a pharmacy to appeal to a pharmacy benefit manager, and provides a second level review on an appeal with the Office of Insurance Commissioner for a pharmacy that has fewer than 15 retail outlets in Washington. Allows pharmacies with more than 15 retail outlets to submit appeal information to the Commissioner for tracking and analysis.
- Requires the Commissioner to review the pharmacy chain of supply and submit a report to the Legislature by November 1, 2016, and submit recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2016 on the use of independent review organizations for the second level appeal process.

ESSB 6203: UPDATING STATUTES RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY INCLUDING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Governor Signed*

- Allows chart orders for patients or residents of institutional facilities such as hospitals and long-term care facilities to be considered prescriptions. Nurses, pharmacists, or physicians who practice in long-term care facilities or hospice programs may document a chart order for a prescribing practitioner in a patient's medical record. A pharmacy may dispense the prescription based on the chart order.
- Permits pharmacies to provide a limited quantity of drugs to a nursing home to be used in emergency kits and supplemental dose kits.
- Permits pharmacists to repack and dispense unused drugs returned by a long-term facility or hospice program if the drugs are in single use packaging.

SSB 6238: ALLOWING THE PRESCRIPTION OF A SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO TREAT CERTAIN DISEASE STATES AND CONDITIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers
**Governor Signed*

(HB 2431 Representative Harris)

- Allows health care providers to prescribe schedule II controlled substances for any disease state or condition for which the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved an indication.

SSB 6327: PROVIDING FOR HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PLANNING WITH LAY CAREGIVERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

- Requires hospitals to adopt discharge policies and criteria to provide an opportunity for patients to designate a lay caregiver and include lay caregivers in discharge planning.
- Requires hospitals and acute care facilities to coordinate, if appropriate, with lay caregivers, long-term care workers, and home and community-based service providers.

SSB 6421: ALLOWING AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PRESCRIBE EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker
**Governor Signed*

- Authorizes health care providers to prescribe epinephrine autoinjectors in the name of an authorized entity such as a restaurant, sports arena, college or university, or recreation camp.
- Requires authorized entities with a prescription for an epinephrine autoinjector to follow training, storage, maintenance, and use requirements.
- Allows trained employees of authorized entities to administer an epinephrine autoinjector to a person believed to be having an allergic reaction.

SSB 6445: CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN THE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun
**Governor Signed*

- Includes physician assistants among other health professionals who may practice in mental health settings.
- Permits physician assistants to provide services they are competent to perform based on their education, training, and experience and that are consistent with their delegation agreement that is filed with the Medical Quality Assurance Commission. They may not practice beyond the scope of their supervising physician's own scope of expertise and practice.

SSB 6519: EXPANDING PATIENT ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH TELEMEDICINE AND ESTABLISHING A COLLABORATIVE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TELEMEDICINE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker
**Governor Signed*

- Establishes a Collaborative for the Advancement of Telemedicine (Collaborative) to develop recommendations on improving reimbursement and access to health services provided through telemedicine.
- Requires reports from the Collaborative with recommendations on best practices, guidelines, billing requirements, and recommendations on the expansion or restriction of telemedicine services and the establishment of a technical assistance center.
- Modifies the list of sites where a patient may receive services to include "home," effective January 1, 2018.

SSB 6536: ADDRESSING THE FILING AND RATING OF GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN SMALL GROUP PLANS, ALL STAND-ALONE DENTAL PLANS, AND STAND-ALONE VISION PLANS BY DISABILITY INSURERS, HEALTH CARE SERVICE CONTRACTORS, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

(HB 2880 Representative Cody)

**Governor Signed*

- Requires the Office of Insurance Commissioner to amend existing rules to standardize the rate and form filing process and regulatory review standards to ensure uniformity across the health care plans.

SB 6558: ALLOWING A HOSPITAL PHARMACY LICENSE TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL PRACTITIONER OFFICES AND MULTIPRACTITIONER CLINICS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A HOSPITAL AND ENSURING SUCH OFFICES AND CLINICS ARE INSPECTED ACCORDING TO THE LEVEL OF SERVICE PROVIDED

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Governor Signed*

- Requires the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) to update pharmacy license application forms within 90 days to reflect a new licensure option for hospitals that elect to include offices or clinics under their pharmacy license.
- Requires the Commission to provide information on the standards for pharmacy services, and if rules are necessary for immediate implementation of inspection standards, they must adopt emergency rules within 90 days of the effective date.

SSB 6569: CREATING A TASK FORCE ON PATIENT OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

(SHB 2871 Representative Cody)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Creates a task force on patient out-of-pocket costs with a focus on prescription costs.
- Requires a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

ESHB 2323: CREATING THE WASHINGTON ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kilduff

(SSB 6210 Senator Dammeier)

- Implements a Washington State Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program. The Program will allow certain disabled persons to maintain savings accounts and for family members and friends to be able to contribute to those accounts. Withdrawals from these accounts will not be taxed so long as the money is spent on qualified expenses such as housing, education, transportation, health care, and rehabilitation.
- Prohibits money placed in an ABLE Account from being counted as assets for the purposes of state or local means tested programs or determining other program eligibility.

HB 2326: TRANSFERRING REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER INDEPENDENT REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Moeller

- Transfers authority over the independent review organizations from the Department of Health to the Office of Insurance Commissioner and requires the independent review organizations to report decisions directly to the Commissioner rather than the health plans.

HB 2332: REMOVING AN EXPIRATION DATE CONCERNING THE FILING AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER COMPENSATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SB 6167 Senator Angel)

- Removes the July 1, 2017 expiration date on the provisions relating to the filing of provider contracts and compensation agreements.

2SHB 2335: ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 6336 Senator Parlette)

- Requires health care providers and health care plans to use the single database for credentialing.
- Effective June 1, 2018, a health plan must make determinations for approving or denying a credentialing application within 90 days of receiving a complete application, and by June 1, 2020 the average response time must not exceed 60 days.

HB 2350: DEFINING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION BY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

- Specifies that a medical assistant's ability to "administer" medications includes both the retrieval and application of medication.

SHB 2396: CONCERNING ACCESS TO NONEMERGENCY, OUTPATIENT, PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH UNDER THE FEDERAL MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative McBride

**SHB 2396 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to some of those in 3SHB 1682.*

HB 2403: CONCERNING DOWN SYNDROME RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kochmar

(SB 6613 Senator Padden)

- Directs the Department of Health to develop resources related to Down syndrome for parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.
- Directs specified health care providers and facilities to distribute the resources to parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

SHB 2425: CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kuderer

(SB 6181 Senator Becker)

- Changes the terms "massage practitioner" and "animal massage practitioner" to "massage therapist" and "animal massage therapist," respectively.

HB 2432: CONCERNING SUBSTANCE ABUSE MONITORING FOR LICENSED VETERINARIANS, OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, AND OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

- Places in statute the requirement that the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery contract with a substance abuse monitoring program.
- Increases the surcharge to pay for program costs. For veterinarians, the surcharge on each license issuance or renewal of a license is increased to \$25 and for osteopathic practitioners, the surcharge on each license issuance or renewal of a license is increased to \$50.

SHB 2448: CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF CERTAIN EAST ASIAN MEDICINE THERAPIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Robinson

(SSB 6389 Senator Keiser)

- Requires the Department of Health (DOH), in consultation with the East Asian Medicine Advisory Committee, to adopt rules regarding the definition of point injection therapy.
- Limits the substances that can be used in point injection therapy.
- Requires DOH to adopt rules to specify the training necessary to provide point injection therapy.

ESHB 2458: CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DONATION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Parker

- Establishes the Cancer Can't Charitable Pharmacy Act.
- Allows individuals to donate unused prescription drugs that meet certain quality standards to a pharmacy for redistribution to patients who either do not have insurance or who have insurance that does not provide coverage for the needed prescription drug.
- Permits prescription drugs that require registration with the drug's manufacturer to be accepted for redistribution if the patient receiving the drug is registered with the manufacture at the time of dispensing.

SHB 2498: CONCERNING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR DENTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES IN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Caldier

- Establishes a work group to review the prior authorization system for dental providers in the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) programs.

ESHB 2545: REDUCING PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS THAT PARTICULARLY IMPACT HIGHLY EXPOSED POPULATIONS, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND FIREFIGHTERS, BY ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO RESTRICT THE USE OF TOXIC FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CERTAIN TYPES OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van De Wege

(SSB 6440 Senator Parlette)

- Bans the use of five flame retardant chemicals in children's products or residential upholstered furniture beginning July 1, 2017.
- Directs the Department of Ecology to study six additional flame retardants to be considered as a chemical of high concern for children, with a stakeholder advisory committee for each flame retardant chemical that is identified in rule.
- Requires the Department of Health to submit information to the Legislature with options for reducing exposure, safer alternatives, and recommendations for restricting or prohibiting the use of a flame retardant chemical.

SHB 2580: ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC REGISTRY FOR THE TRANSPARENCY OF BLOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

- Requires blood establishments that collect blood for transfusion to register with the Department of Health and demonstrate they hold a license issued by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Requires the Department of Health to maintain an online public registry of all registered blood establishments that supply blood for transfusion. If an establishment loses its FDA license, the department must notify clients of that establishment.

SHB 2678: REGULATING NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

(SSB 6240 Senator Parlette)

- Modifies the nursing facility payment methodology to implement consensus recommendations from the nursing facility payment methodology work group.
- Establishes quality measures and a quality rating system to the quality incentive rate enhancement.
- Provides for a limited exception process for nursing facilities that do not meet minimum direct care staffing standards but are demonstrating good faith efforts to do so. No exceptions may be provided after June 30, 2018.

2SHB 2681: CONCERNING CONTRACEPTIVES IN PHARMACIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stambaugh

- Requires the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission to develop a sticker or a sign to be displayed in a pharmacy that initiates or modifies drug therapy related to self-administered contraception.

SHB 2711: INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McCabe

- Requires the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to study and make recommendations regarding the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners.

2SHB 2726: CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Walkinshaw

- Requires Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) to register with the Department of Social and Health Services.
- Requires CCRCs to provide prospective residents with a disclosure statement containing specific information about the Community and a statement on resident expectations.
- Makes CCRCs subject to the Consumer Protection Act for failing to register with the Department of Social and Health Services or for failing to provide the mandatory statements to consumers.

SHB 2730: CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson

- Authorizes a health care facility or provider group of five or more providers to access the prescription monitoring program in order to provide medical care to its patients. The facility and providers must be licensed by the Department of Health and must be a trading partner with the Health Information Exchange.

HB 2768: ADDRESSING TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES ON CERTAIN QUALIFIED STAND-ALONE DENTAL PLANS OFFERED IN THE INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP MARKETS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

- Authorizes stand-alone family dental plans to be offered in the small group or individual market that will be subject to the 2 percent premium tax that is currently applied to all health plans and pediatric dental plans.
- Authorizes the Health Benefit Exchange to levy an assessment on the dental plans if the premium tax is insufficient to cover the costs of offering the family dental plans.

**HB 2781: REQUIRING THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE TO
ADOPT RULES TO ALLOW APPROVED MASSAGE PROGRAMS TO
ESTABLISH TRANSFER PROGRAMS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Harris

(SB 6399 Senator Rivers)

- Requires the Washington State Board of Massage to adopt rules to allow Board-approved massage programs to establish transfer programs that accept a person's credits or clock hours from schools that have not been approved by the Board.

HIGHER EDUCATION

786-7415

SB 5559: CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR STATE AND EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Billig

(HB 1592 Representative Hunt)

**SB 5559 was not enacted, but provisions are similar to those in E2SSB 6455.*

SSB 6354: CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVERSE TRANSFER AGREEMENT PLANS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Requires the four-year institutions of higher education and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to develop plans for facilitating the reverse transfer of academic credits from four-year institutions to community and technical colleges (CTC), and adopt the plans by December 31, 2017.
- Requires that all transfer students who enroll as degree-seeking students at a four-year institution after completing at least 60 quarter credits at a CTC, but before attaining an associate degree, be eligible for reverse transfer.

SSB 6466: CREATING A WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR REMOVING OBSTACLES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Habib

(ESHB 2825 Representative Frame)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Requires the Council of Presidents to convene a workgroup to develop a plan for removing obstacles for students with disabilities, and to provide the plan to the higher education committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2016.
- Requires the workgroup to include representatives from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, four-year institutions, Student Achievement Council and statewide student associations, and further requires the inclusion of at least two students with disabilities selected by student associations.

E2SSB 6601: CREATING THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**Governor Signed*

- Creates a 529 college savings plan to complement the existing 529 prepaid college tuition plan known as the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Plan for the GET Committee to manage.
- Directs the GET Committee to determine whether to use the Washington State Investment Board or a non-state entity to be the investment manager for the program.
- Creates the Washington College Savings Plan account in the state treasury and allows the account to be negative for up to five years while the savings plan is being implemented to defray administrative start-up costs.
- Caps investment fees charged to account owners at no more than one-half of one percent beginning January 1, 2018.
- Directs the GET Committee to reopen the GET plan to new investors by July 1, 2017.

HUMAN SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH & HOUSING

786-7414

SB 5605: CONCERNING THE ARREST OF SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEAR OLDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSAULT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

(HB 1226 Representative Goodman)

**Governor Signed*

- Increases the age of mandatory arrest from 16 to 18 years of age for individuals whom an officer has probable cause to believe assaulted a family or household member in the preceding four hours.
- Specifies that police officers shall, at the request of a parent or guardian, arrest a 16 or 17 year old if the officer has probable cause to believe the child has committed a domestic violence assault in the last four hours.
- Requires juvenile detention facilities to book into detention youth brought to that detention facility pursuant to a domestic violence assault arrest.

SSB 6211: CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR NONPROFIT HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

- Creates a tax exemption for real property owned by a nonprofit entity for the purpose of developing residences on the property for sale to low-income households.
- Provides that the property tax exemption may last up to seven years, with a possible three-year extension, unless the property is sold within that time period.
- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to measure the effectiveness of this tax preference by evaluating whether or not the financial resources dedicated by a nonprofit to affordable housing development have increased during the period that the property tax exemption is claimed, two years prior to the expiration of the tax preference.

SSB 6329: CREATING THE PARENT TO PARENT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(HB 2394 Representative Walsh)

- Identifies goals and activities of the Parent to Parent program for individuals with special health care needs.
- Requires that the Parent to Parent program be funded through the Developmental Disability Administration to a state lead organization, if funds are provided.
- Includes a null and void clause if the bill is not referenced in the omnibus appropriations act.

SSB 6337: DISPOSING TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY TO CITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

(ESHB 2647 Representative Jenkins)

**Governor Signed*

- Requires counties holding tax foreclosed real property to offer to sell the property to the city in which it sits, if the county does not want to use the property for public purposes.
- Requires the city purchasing the property to agree to transfer the property to a housing authority or an eligible nonprofit entity for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

SSB 6430: PROVIDING CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DURING PERIODS OF INCARCERATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(HB 2880 Representative Walkinshaw)

**Governor Signed*

- Requires the Health Care Authority (HCA) to suspend, instead of terminate, medical assistance benefits for a person who is incarcerated or committed to a state hospital by July 1, 2017.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services and HCA to publish guidance and provide trainings related to outreach, assistance, transition planning, and rehabilitation case management services reimbursable by Medicaid to help persons transition from incarceration or commitment into the community.
- Requires HCA to apply for federal waivers asking for permission to use federal funding to provide behavioral health services to person who are incarcerated in jail or work release.

2SSB 6497: PROVIDING COURT-BASED AND SCHOOL-BASED INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ATTENDANCE AND REDUCE TRUANCY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**2SSB 6497 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in 2SHB 2449.*

E2SSB 6534: ESTABLISHING A MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PANEL

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(SHB 2885 Representative Stambaugh)

- Establishes a maternal mortality review panel to conduct reviews of maternal deaths in Washington and make recommendations for evidence-based system changes and possible legislation to improve maternal outcomes and reduce preventable maternal deaths.
- Creates an expiration date of June 30, 2020 for the review panel, however, the Act is null and void if not funded in the supplemental operating budget.

E2SSB 6564: PROVIDING PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

- Requires the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to increase home visits to at least once every four months for clients identified as having the highest risk of abuse and neglect.
- Creates the Office of the Developmental Disabilities Ombuds, which must be a private, independent nonprofit organization, to investigate administrative acts relating to persons with developmental disabilities, monitor DDA procedures, and provide information on the rights and responsibilities of persons receiving DDA services.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to conduct a vulnerable adult fatality review whenever DSHS has reason to believe that the death of a vulnerable adult may be related to abuse, abandonment, exploitation, or neglect if the adult was receiving services in the adult's home or in a licensed or certified setting.

2SHB 1448: PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF THREATENED OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

(SB 5781 Senator Billig)

- Requires the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to develop a model policy for a law enforcement officer to refer a person to a mental health agency after receiving a report of threatened or attempted suicide.
- Requires all Washington law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy by July 1, 2017, establishing procedures for a law enforcement officer to refer a person to a mental health agency after receiving a report of threatened or attempted suicide.

- Requires a designated mental health agency to arrange for a mental health professional to contact a person to determine whether intervention is needed within 24 hours of receiving a referral from law enforcement.

HB 2394: CREATING THE PARENT TO PARENT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Walsh (SSB 6329 Senator O'Ban)

- Identifies goals and activities of the Parent to Parent program for individuals with special health care needs.
- Requires that the Parent to Parent program be funded through the Developmental Disability Administration to a state lead organization, if funds are provided.

E2SHB 2439: INCREASING ACCESS TO ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi (SB 6494 Senator Darneille)

- Establishes a Children's Mental Health Work Group to review barriers to identifying and treating mental health issues in children, including appropriate assessment tools, billing issues, workforce issues, and outreach strategies.

**SB 6432 is incorporated in part into E2SHB 2439, as described below:*

- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct an inventory of mental health service models available to students in schools and report by October 31, 2016.

**SB 6243 is incorporated into E2SHB 2439, as described below:*

- Requires Forefront at the University of Washington to provide training to educational service districts and develop a comprehensive model relating to school suicide prevention.

SHB 2440: CONCERNING HOST HOME PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi (SSB 6249 Senator O'Ban)

- Creates an exemption from foster licensing for host home programs and host homes that meet specific statutory criteria.
- Allows host home programs to place children with host families for temporary care, with the parents' permission. The children placed are not in the care of the State.
- Requires that host home programs register with the Secretary of State.
- Requires that host home programs that receive any public funding provide specific data to the Department of Commerce (Commerce).
- Requires Commerce to provide a report to the Governor and Legislature regarding the best practices for host home programs by July 1, 2017.

2SHB 2449: PROVIDING COURT-BASED AND SCHOOL-BASED INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ATTENDANCE AND REDUCE TRUANCY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

**2SSB 6497 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar as described below:*

- Requires all school districts to take coordinated action with juvenile courts pursuant to a memorandum of understanding to address truancy, including implementation of a truancy board for all school districts with at least 200 students.
- Requires juvenile court to initially stay all truancy petitions pending action by the truancy board or other structures if a memorandum of understanding is in place between the school district and juvenile court.
- Allows up to 2 percent of Learning Assistance Program funds to be used to fund initiatives to reduce truancy.
- Requires the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee and Administrative Office of the Courts to publish reports relating to truancy and juvenile detention for status offenses.

SHB 2541: PROVIDING FOR LESS RESTRICTIVE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ORDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Frame

- Provides that a facility petitioning for less restrictive alternative treatment (LRA) under the Involuntary Treatment Act may make recommendations for outpatient treatment but need not submit an outpatient treatment plan.
- Requires an outpatient care coordinator for a person on an LRA order to submit the service plan to the court as soon as possible and update it only when types of services are added or removed from the plan.

ESHB 2591: NOTIFYING FOSTER PARENTS OF DEPENDENCY HEARINGS AND THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN THOSE HEARINGS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hargrove

- Requires that the Department of Social and Health Services provide foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, and caregivers with timely and adequate notice of their right to be heard before each dependency court proceeding.
- Requires the court to make written findings regarding whether foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, or caregivers were notified of dependency court hearings, whether the court received the caregiver's report, and whether the court provided the foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, or caregivers an opportunity to be heard.
- Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to include in their Annual Dependency Report information regarding whether foster parents received timely notification of court hearings and whether caregivers submitted reports to the court. This report shall also be submitted to a representative of the Foster Parent Association of Washington State.

HB 2694: CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS IN EMERGENCY PLACEMENT SITUATIONS REQUESTED BY TRIBES

Prime Sponsor: Representative DeBolt

(SB 6391 Senator Braun)

- Allows an authorized agency of a federally recognized tribe to request a federal name-based criminal history check when a child is placed in emergency out-of-home care.
- Allows the authorized agency to then request a follow-up federal fingerprint-based background check within 15 days.

2SHB 2877: EXPANDING DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hickel

(SSB 6535 Senator Warnick)

- Requires that beginning February 1, 2017, the Department of Social and Health Services must expand the dates it distributes supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits from the first through the tenth of every month, to the first through the twentieth of every month.

LAW & JUSTICE

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ESSB 5029: CONCERNING THE REVISED UNIFORM FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

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- Sets uniform standards for custodians of digital records to follow when a fiduciary requests disclosure of the assets.
- Protects the content of communications from unauthorized disclosure consistent with federal laws.
- Defers to the digital assets owners' instructions for disclosure to fiduciaries and provides default rules if owners' instructions are insufficient to authorize disclosures.

SB 5046: CORRECTING A CODIFICATION ERROR CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

- Corrects a codification error relating to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC), clarifying certain provisions regarding designees of the Governor who may participate in or preside over meetings of the WTSC.
- Clarifies that the Governor may designate an employee of the Governor's Office familiar with the WTSC to act on behalf of the Governor during the absence of the Governor at one or more of the WTSC meetings. The Governor may also designate a member, other than the Governor's designee, to preside during the Governor's absence.

SB 5270: CONCERNING A NONOPERATING ADVISORY BOARD REPORTING TO THE STATE PATROL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(HB 1311 Representative S. Hunt)

- Terminates the advisory board to the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force.

ESSB 5635: ENACTING THE UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

- Requires witnessed or notarized power of attorney documents.
- Presumes a power of attorney ends when the principal is incapacitated unless the power of attorney expressly states the power is durable.
- Permits third parties to require the agent to certify the power of attorney is valid.

ESB 6091: CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF SLAYER

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

- Provides that a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity for the willful and unlawful killing of a decedent carries the same meaning as a conviction for the offense for the purpose of determining whether a person is a "slayer".
- Is not entitled to inherit property or receive any benefit from the person that individual killed.
- Known and cited as "Carol's Law".

SSB 6117: CONCERNING NOTICE AGAINST TRESPASS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

- Provides that posting no trespassing notice can be done by placing fluorescent orange paint marks on trees or posts on the property.

- Requires property owners to place fluorescent orange, vertical lines approximately 12 inches long and at least one inch wide in locations that are readily visible to any person approaching the property.
- Stipulates these lines cannot be more than 100 feet apart on forest land or, if the land is not forest, the marks cannot be more than 1000 feet apart.
- Prohibits paint marks from being used for posting on roads or driveways approved by the owner for vehicle access.
- Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to use their website or publications to inform the public about the paint marks.
- Takes effect on July 1, 2017.

SSB 6160: REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND INSTALLATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AIR BAGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(HB 2314 Representative Goodman)

- Makes it a felony offense to manufacture, import, sell, install, or reinstall counterfeit air bags, nonfunctional air bags, or other replacement air bag devices not meeting federal safety standards.
- Makes it a felony offense to sell, install, or reinstall a device causing a vehicle's diagnostic system to inaccurately indicate that a functional air bag is installed when a counterfeit or nonfunctional air bag or no air bag is installed.
- Makes it a felony offense to fail to comply with statutory requirements pertaining to the installation of air bags.

SSB 6165: CONCERNING SHORT-BARRELED RIFLES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Takko

- Authorizes persons to manufacture, own, buy, sell, loan, furnish, assemble, repair, transport, or have in possession or under control, a short-barreled rifle, or any part, if the person is in compliance with applicable federal law.
- Existing law requires a person obtain a background check and each short barreled rifle must be legally registered in compliance with federal law.

SB 6205: CLARIFYING WHEN A PERSON IS AN ACQUIRING PERSON OF A TARGET CORPORATION WITH MORE THAN ONE CLASS OF VOTING STOCK

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

- Applies the state corporations law's anti-takeover protections based on an acquiring person's accumulated voting power, rather than the number of shares the acquiring person controls, for a corporation having stock classes with different voting rights.

SSB 6219: CONCERNING VEHICULAR HOMICIDE SENTENCING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

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- Increases the seriousness level for vehicular homicide – a class A felony - while driving in a reckless manner to a ranking of XI rather than level VIII.
- Increasing the seriousness level means that a person convicted of vehicular homicide - with an offender score of zero - would receive a standard sentence range of 78-102 months, instead of the lower ranked standard sentence range of 21-27 months.
- Increasing the ranking is similar to the current ranking for vehicular homicide while driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug. It is also similar to the current ranking for the crime of manslaughter which has an element of recklessness.
- Creates a mitigating circumstance for the court to consider when sentencing. A lesser sentence may be imposed if a person has never committed any other serious traffic offense and the sentence is clearly excessive.

E2SSB 6242: REQUIRING THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICES UPON RECEIVING A PETITION FOR EARLY RELEASE

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

- Requires the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board to provide certain notices and keep comprehensive meeting minutes when reviewing parole eligible offenders who committed their offenses before July 1, 1984, and early release petitions from certain offenders convicted of crimes as juveniles.

SSB 6261: CONCERNING HUMAN REMAINS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

- Creates a new gross misdemeanor crime of unauthorized interfering, concealing, or moving human remains under the coroner's or medical examiner's jurisdiction.
- Creates a new misdemeanor crime of failure to report the existence and location of human remains and skeletal remains that may be archeological resources to government authorities.
- Directs a coroner or medical examiner to consider a deceased person's religious beliefs and rites related to death when deciding whether to retain jurisdiction over human remains.

SSB 6286: CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR OFFENDER ASSAULTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

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- Authorizes supplemental benefits in addition to Department of Labor and Industries payments for missed work when a corrections facility staff member is assaulted by an offender.
- Authorizes supplemental benefits for 365 days after the injury, or until Labor and Industries payments for missed work ends, whichever is later.

SSB 6295: CLARIFYING THE VENUE IN WHICH CORONER'S INQUESTS ARE TO BE CONVENED AND PAYMENT OF RELATED COSTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa

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- Directs a coroner and superior court to set an inquest date by mutual agreement.
- Requires a coroner's inquest to take place within 18 months after a coroner requests a date, courtroom space, personnel, and jurors from the superior court.
- Requires transfer of an inquest to a neighboring county if a courtroom is not available.
- Requires the transferring county to pay the receiving county for properly charged inquest costs.

SSB 6338: ADDRESSING THE RIGHTS OF DISSENTING MEMBERS OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS IN CERTAIN MERGERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

- Eliminates dissenters' rights upon merger for members of rural electrical cooperatives if post-merger membership continues on substantially similar terms.

SSB 6360: DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF TRAFFIC-BASED FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(EHB 2659 Representative Jinkins)

- Tasks the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) with convening a workgroup to provide input and feedback on the development of a plan and program for statewide consolidation of an individual's traffic-based financial obligations into a unified and affordable payment plan.

- Requires the AGO to submit a report, by December 1, 2017, detailing its recommendations and the plan and program.

SB 6376: RECOGNIZING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser

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- Recognizes January 11 of each year as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.
- Describes the history of human trafficking legislation in Washington in an intent section.

SB 6459: AUTHORIZING PEACE OFFICERS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WITH THE SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

- Gives authority to general and limited authority peace officers to assist the Department of Corrections (DOC) with the supervision of offenders.
- Allows law enforcement to conduct a search of the offender's person, automobile, or other personal property to search for evidence of the violation upon reasonable cause to believe an offender is in violation of the terms of supervision,
- Allows law enforcement to assist a community corrections officer with a search of the offender's residence if requested to do so.
- Requires law enforcement to notify the Department of Corrections upon substantiation that an offender has violated the offender's conditions of community supervision.

SSB 6463: CONCERNING THE CRIME OF LURING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

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- Requires the prosecution, in order to convict the defendant of luring, to prove that the defendant had the intent to harm the health, safety, or welfare of the minor or person with a developmental disability, or the intent to facilitate the commission of any crime.

SSB 6498: CONCERNING TESTIMONIAL PRIVILEGES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY SPONSORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

(HB 2789 Representative Hurst)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Creates a testimonial privilege applicable in civil proceedings that prevents a person who acts as a sponsor in an alcohol or drug addiction recovery fellowship from testifying about communications made to the sponsor by a sponsored individual.
- An exception exists when the sponsor receives written authorization to testify from the sponsored individual or, in the case of death or disability, the sponsored individual's personal representative.

HB 1022: PROHIBITING GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY PROVISIONS IN BAIL BOND AGREEMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Appleton

- Creates a presumption of unprofessional conduct for a bail bond agent to enter into a contract, including a general power of attorney, giving the bail bond agent full authority over another person's finances, assets, real property, or personal property.
- Provides that the presumption of unprofessional conduct may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence, as determined by the Department.

SHB 1111: CONCERNING COURT TRANSCRIPTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kilduff

- Allows certified court reporters and authorized transcriptionists - in addition to official court reporters - to make official transcripts of testimony and other court proceedings; and official reports transcribed from electronic recordings qualify as prima facie correct statements of testimony or proceedings.
- Exempts transcripts requested for appellate cases from the requirement that transcripts of testimony and proceedings must be filed with the trial court.
- Makes the Administrator for the Courts a consultant for the implementation of electronic recording equipment in courts of limited jurisdiction.

2ESHB 1553: ENCOURAGING CERTIFICATES OF RESTORATION OF OPPORTUNITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Walkinshaw

- Creates a process by which a person with a criminal record can be granted a Certificate of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP).
- Prohibits the state and local governments from disqualifying an applicant for a license, certificate, or other qualification to engage in certain professions or businesses solely based on the applicant's criminal history if the applicant possess a CROP.

HB 2280: MAKING FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, MARIJUANA, OR ANY DRUG A CLASS B FELONY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Klippert

- Increases a felony-level Driving Under the Influence offense from a class C felony to a class B felony offense.

EHB 2362: CONCERNING VIDEO AND/OR SOUND RECORDINGS MADE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen

- Establishes Public Records Act provisions governing requests for and disclosure of certain body-worn camera recordings made by law enforcement and corrections officers while in the course of their official duties.
- Strongly encourages the legislative authority of a city or town is to adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of body cameras prior to their use.
- Establishes a task force to review and report on the use of body-worn cameras by law enforcement and corrections agencies.
- Allows, for state and local agencies, body-worn cameras to be used only by officers employed by a general authority Washington law enforcement agency as defined, any officer employed by the department of corrections, and personnel for jails and detention facilities.

HB 2371: REQUIRING A COURT THAT CONSULTS THE JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO RENDER A DECISION TO FILE A COPY OF THE INFORMATION USED IN THE COURT FILE UPON REQUEST OF A PARTY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kuderer

- Provides that the court must only file a copy of a relied-upon document upon request of a party, rather than requiring the court to file a copy of any relied-upon document within the court file in every case in which the Judicial Information System or a related database is consulted.

E2SHB 2375: CONCERNING CYBERCRIME

Prime Sponsor: Representative Magendanz

(SB 6197 Senator Miloscia)

- Creates the crimes of Electronic Data Interference, Electronic Data Theft, Spoofing, and Electronic Data Tampering in the first and second degree.

HB 2384: CLARIFYING THE MEANING OF MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buys

- Changes the definition of a mobile service provider exempted from liability under the criminal statute prohibiting disclosure of intimate images.
- Defines "mobile telecommunications service provider" to mean a facilities-based carrier or reseller with whom the customer contracts for mobile telecommunications services.

SHB 2405: CONCERNING THE ROLE OF PARTIES IN CASES RELATED TO CERTAIN NOTICES AND RECORDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Muri

- Requires the petitioner in a criminal case, or an involuntary mental health commitment case, that results in loss of firearms rights to provide the court with certain identifying information of the convicted or committed person.
- Provides that when multiple involuntary mental health commitments are entered under the same cause number, the court need only send one notification of the committed person's identifying information to the Department of Licensing and the National Criminal Instant Background Check System.
- Amends laws governing juvenile records to broaden the definition of "official juvenile court file."
- Amends statutes relating to a number of different court proceedings to provide that a party in the case, rather than the clerk of the court, must provide certain notices or issue summons in the proceedings.

SHB 2410: REQUIRING INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS BE INCLUDED IN THE FELONY FIREARM OFFENSE CONVICTION DATABASE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hayes

- Provides that in every case in which a defendant is convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of a felony firearm offense that was committed in conjunction with a crime involving sexual motivation, a crime against a child under the age of 18, or a serious violent offense, the court must require the person to register as a felony firearm offender.
- Allows the court to impose a requirement that the defendant register as a felony firearm offender after weighing current statutory considerations in all other felony firearm offense cases.

2SHB 2530: PROTECTING VICTIMS OF SEX CRIMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

- Authorizes the Department of Commerce to accept private donations to fund the testing of previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits and training for sexual assault nurse examiners.
- Requires the Washington State Patrol to create and operate the Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System.

HB 2587: CONCERNING THE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES' ASSOCIATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rodne

(SB 6538 Senator Padden)

- Replaces the association's commonly used name "the superior court judges association" with "the association of superior court judges" throughout the code.

SHB 2644: CONCERNING ANIMAL FORFEITURE IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Blake

- Requires that, upon a successful petition for return of an animal that has been removed from its owner's care, the animal must be surrendered to the owner, rather than delivered to the owner.
- Requires that a petition for return of a removed animal must be joined with a criminal action against the owner if the criminal action is filed before the hearing on the petition.
- Provides that the legal authority of a law enforcement officer or animal control officer to remove, adopt, euthanize, or require forfeiture of an animal is not limited by the criminal sentencing provisions related to animal cruelty.

ESHB 2700: CONCERNING IMPAIRED DRIVING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

- Prohibits the Department of Licensing (DOL) from destroying records relating to convictions for Reckless Driving or Negligent Driving in the first degree if the offense was originally charged as a driving under the influence offense.
- Reduces the time for which: (1) a temporary driver's license is valid; (2) a person arrested for DUI must request a hearing from the DOL regarding his or her license suspension; and (3) a hearing must be held.
- Clarifies that vehicular homicide sentence enhancements are mandatory and must be served consecutively.
- Provides that the ignition interlock restriction period must be tolled any time a person does not install one on a vehicle they are operating during their restriction period.
- Incorporates all of SB 6236 regarding making the 24/7 sobriety program permanent and making adjustments to the program.

SHB 2765: CLARIFYING THE LIMITED AUTHORITY OF PARK RANGERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kretz

- Gives the State Park and Recreation Commission limited police powers to enforce the laws of Washington within the boundaries of any state park, and other areas.
- Allows limited law enforcement authority to be exercised in response to the request of a law enforcement officer, when in fresh pursuit for an offense committed in the officer's presence, or upon the consent of a sheriff or police chief.
- Allows the Commission to enter into agreements allowing officers of tribal law enforcement agencies on contiguous or co-managed property to enforce certain civil infractions.

HB 2773: REPEALING THE WARRANT AUTHORITY OF CORONERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Klippert

(SB 6262 Senator O'Ban)

- Requires that the coroner may not issue a warrant, but must deliver all findings of the inquest jury, all evidence from the inquest, and all records generated by the inquest to the prosecuting attorney.

HB 2838: CLARIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS PROHIBITING CONTACT WITH OTHER PERSONS, EVEN IF THE OFFENDER IS NOT A SEX OFFENDER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Klippert

- Clarifies that the Department of Corrections may impose no-contact conditions on offenders under its supervision in community custody if the conditions are based on risk to community safety.

SHB 2900: PROHIBITING MARIJUANA, ALCOHOL, OR OTHER INTOXICANT, OR A CELL PHONE WHILE CONFINED OR INCARCERATED IN A STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Klippert

- Expands the crime of possessing contraband is to include alcohol, marijuana, other intoxicants, cell phones, and other forms of electronic telecommunication devices.
- Prohibits an offender that is convicted for possession of contraband inside of a facility from accruing or being credited with earned release time on that portion of an offender's sentence that is a conviction for possession of contraband.

ESHB 2908: ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE IN COMMUNITY POLICING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu

**SB 6621 was not enacted, but contains provisions substantially similar to ESHB 2908.*

- Creates a joint legislative task force on the use of deadly force in community policing.
- Identifies task force tasks as: reviewing laws, practices, and training programs regarding the use of deadly force; reviewing current policies, practices, and tools used by or otherwise available to law enforcement; and recommending best practices to reduce the number of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the public.
- Must submit a report to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

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SB 6162: CONCERNING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL AND ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

(HB 2331 Representative Chandler)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Extends the legislative authorization for the Invasive Species Council (Council) by five years to June 30, 2022.
- The Council was first established in 2006 to facilitate interagency planning and coordination on invasive species issues in Washington.

SSB 6227: IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2015 REVIEW OF THE WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

(HB 2509 Representative Tharinger)

**Governor Signed*

- Modifies a portion of the current Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) account structure.
- Shifts allocation among the WWRP accounts, as well as within the Habitat Conservation Account and Outdoor Recreation Account.
- Changes some WWRP eligibility and application processes.
- Modifies allowable costs and management requirements under the WWRP.

SB 6274: CONCERNING THE COLUMBIA RIVER RECREATIONAL SALMON AND STEELHEAD ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

- Extends the legislative authorization for the Columbia River Recreational Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Program (Program) for an additional year, with the program scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017.
- Makes several other changes to the Program including: updating the statute to reflect the name commonly used for the Program; directing the agency to maintain updated project information on its website; and creating a process that allows individuals and organizations to submit project proposals for review and consideration.

SB 6296: EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE HABITAT AND RECREATION LANDS COORDINATING GROUP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(HB 2493 Representative Smith)

**Governor Signed*

- Extends the legislative authorization for the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group (Lands Group) by 10 years, until July 31, 2027.
- The Lands Group is an interagency forum that deals with state land acquisition and management issues.

SB 6400: CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES THAT CLARIFY FISH AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hewitt

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- Clarifies that for the violation of unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree, a salmon is considered to have an unclipped adipose fin if it does not have a healed scar at the location of the clipped adipose fin.
- Clarifies that for the violation of unlawful hunting of big game, any license or permit revocation or suspension that results when a criminal wildlife penalty assessment is imposed is in addition to and runs concurrently with any other revocation or suspension required by law.

- Makes a technical correction regarding unlawful hunting of wild birds in the second degree to add tags, stamps, and permits to the list of appropriate types of hunting licenses required to hunt for wild birds.

SB 6401: CONCERNING RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF SECONDARY COMMERCIAL FISH RECEIVERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

(HB 2636 Representative Walkinsaw)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Requires secondary commercial fish receivers to keep harvest records with fish or shellfish products rather than at a principal place of business.

ESHB 1351: CONCERNING LICENSE FEES FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS UNDER TITLE 77 RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Blake

- Makes Washington National Guard members eligible to apply for free small game, migratory bird, and big game hunting licenses.

E2SHB 2667: CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES OF THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION THAT REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Farrell

- Directs the Department of Commerce to study the economic feasibility of public or nonprofit uses of the seminary building at Saint Edward State Park, in coordination with the State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission). The study must be completed by July 31, 2016.
- If the Commission finds that the study does not identify an economically viable public or nonprofit use for the property that is consistent with the agency mission and could proceed on a reasonable timeline, then specific lease authority is triggered.
- Under that specific lease authority, the Commission can enter into a lease for certain parts of Saint Edward State Park for up to 62 years with the approval of at least five of the seven Commissioners.

ESHB 2925: CONCERNING ACCESSING LAND DURING A FIRE SUPPRESSION RESPONSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING LIVESTOCK FROM A WILDLAND FIRE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent

- Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to make every reasonable effort to accommodate a livestock owner's request to retrieve or care for animals in his or her charge at risk due to a wildfire on public land unless access would interfere with an active fire response.
- Requires any person accessing public lands to retrieve or care for livestock during a wildfire to assume full liability for the person's self and any employees.
- Requires DNR to include an explanation of the right to access public lands during a wildfire and the corresponding assumption of liability in all grazing leases and incorporate livestock retrieval in any training it conducts in communities with active grazing areas.

ESHB 2928: ENSURING THAT RESTRICTIONS ON OUTDOOR BURNING FOR AIR QUALITY REASONS DO NOT IMPEDE MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE FOREST RESILIENCY TO CATASTROPHIC FIRES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kretz

- Creates a "forest resiliency burning" pilot project administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in coordination with certain regional entities, and specifies conditions under which DNR may refuse or postpone forest resiliency burning.

- Specifies that forest resiliency burning may be conducted when other outdoor burning is restricted because of a called or forecasted air pollution episode, or because an area is not in attainment with state or federal air quality standards.
- Allows DNR to consider forest resiliency burning proposals which include forest thinning and grazing to reduce fuel loads prior to burning.

TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

786-7408

E2SSB 5109: CONCERNING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

(HB 1648 Representative Walsh)

- Directs the Department of Commerce to select projects for the Local Revitalization Program (LRF) based on specific criteria including the availability of a state contribution and a local match, the number of jobs created, and project readiness.
- Reallocates unused LRF awards if a local government has not begun imposing a sales and use tax by December 31, 2016, unless the local government sends a letter to the Department of Revenue by July 1, 2016 indicating they intend to impose the tax by July 1, 2022.

SB 6100: ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC GARDENING PILOT PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Chase

- Establishes an Economic Gardening pilot program within the Department of Commerce (Department) to provide strategic business assistance to grow second-stage companies.
- Directs the Department to work with chambers of commerce and associate development organizations to select up to 20 companies to participate in the pilot program.

SB 6220: PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY MAXIMIZING THE USE OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Directs the Department of Commerce (Department) to track federal economic development funds received and disbursed and annually report to the economic development committees of the Legislature.
- Requires the Department to coordinate with federal and state public research facilities to leverage other economic development-related federal funding for research, development, innovation of new technologies, and transfer of technology to the private sector.

ESSB 6528: ENACTING THE CYBERSECURITY JOBS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

- Requires the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to implement a process for detecting and responding to cybersecurity attacks.
- Directs the OCIO to develop plans and procedures to ensure the continuity of commerce in the event of a cybersecurity attack.
- Requires the OCIO to work with the Department of Commerce and other economic development stakeholders to develop a strategy to make Washington a national leader in cybersecurity.

SHB 2938: ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON TRADE CONVENTIONS BY MODIFYING TAX PROVISIONS RELATED TO ESTABLISHING SUBSTANTIAL NEXUS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt

- Allows an out-of-state business to participate in one trade convention in Washington each year without the participation being used as the sole basis to establish nexus for Washington tax purposes.

EHB 2959: CONCERNING LOCAL BUSINESS TAX AND LICENSING SIMPLIFICATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lytton

- Creates a Department of Revenue led task force to evaluate and recommend options for simplifying the administration of local business taxes and licensing.
- Directs the task force to focus on options that provide the greatest benefit to taxpayers and submit their report to the Legislature by January 1, 2017.

TRANSPORTATION

786-7300

SSB 6120: PROVIDING A REGISTRATION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN VESSELS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet

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- Adds an exemption to the vessel registration requirement for vessels with motors that draw 250 watts or less that propel the vessel no faster than 10 miles per hour and are not used on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or on the high seas beyond the territorial seas for vessels owned in the United States.

SB 6200: PROVIDING FUNDING FOR STEELHEAD CONSERVATION THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF WASHINGTON'S FISH LICENSE PLATE COLLECTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hewitt

(HB 2422 Representative Tarleton)

**Governor Signed*

- Creates the "Washington's fish collection" special license plates to support the Department of Fish and Wildlife's steelhead species management activities including activities supporting conservation, recovery, and research to promote healthy, fishable steelhead.

SSB 6254: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATES FOR MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Sheldon

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- Allows qualified applicants to buy additional Purple Heart specialty license plates for other motor vehicles.

SB 6299: CORRECTING CERTAIN MANIFEST DRAFTING ERRORS IN CHAPTER 44, LAWS OF 2015 3RD SP

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 2567 Representative Clibborn)

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- Reestablishes that the Department of Licensing must collect \$18 per enhanced driver's license from July 15, 2015, until June 30, 2016.
- Clarifies that \$2,750,000 in tax credits are available annually for the Commute Trip Reduction program.

SSB 6314: CONCERNING COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

(SHB 2590 Representative Moscoso)

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- Allows county employees, in counties with a population of 400,000 or more, to complete river or stormwater related work up to \$250,000 if more than one trade is involved, or \$125,000 if one trade is involved.
- Allows counties, when determining compensation on a road to be vacated, to use appraisals that take into consideration transfer of liability, risk, increased property taxes, cost avoidance, and any limits on development or future public benefit.
- Modernizes county road engineer statutes.

SSB 6326: CONCERNING THE RETENTION AND MAINTENANCE OF AUTO DEALER AND REPAIR FACILITY RECORDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 2512 Representative Clibborn)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Reduces the amount of time a vehicle dealer must keep records in paper form from two years to one year, after which time the records may be kept electronically through the five year retention period.
- Allows auto repair facilities to retain written price estimates and invoices as electronic records as long as the records may be printed in hard copy.

SSB 6358: CONCERNING RAIL FIXED GUIDEWAY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SAFETY AND SECURITY OVERSIGHT

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 2649 Representative Clibborn)

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- Aligns state law with federal requirements, and modifies other requirements, regarding state safety oversight of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.

SSB 6363: CONCERNING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ADJACENT TO OR ACROSS A RIVER OR WATERWAY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Takko

(HB 2660 Representative Bergquist)

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- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to consider and report on the feasibility of providing a means of public access to waterways for public recreation purposes during the design process for certain state highway projects.
- Directs WSDOT, to the greatest extent practicable, not to adversely impact any preexisting public access to a waterway when undertaking state highway projects.

ESSB 6606: CONCERNING WHOLESALE VEHICLE DEALERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(SHB 2898 Representative Clibborn)

**Governor Vetoed, Legislative Veto Override*

- Defines "wholesale vehicle dealer" as a dealer who buys vehicles from or sells vehicles to other Washington licensed vehicle dealers.
- Requires wholesale vehicle dealers to have office facilities within Washington but with no more than two other wholesale vehicle dealers in the same building.

SB 6607: REMOVING STATE ROUTE NUMBER 276 FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Baumgartner

- Removes the designation in statute of state route 276 as a state highway

SB 6614: CONCERNING PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

(Similar to SHB 2973 Representative Orcutt)

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- Provides an oversight role for the Office of Financial Management concerning the establishment of, and reporting on, state transportation agency objectives and performance measures.

SJM 8019: REQUESTING THAT A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE NUMBER 509 BE NAMED THE PHILIP MARTIN LELLI MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

- Requests that the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name state route 509 - from Pacific Avenue to Taylor Way - the Philip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway.

EHB 1409: CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF VESSEL OWNER INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Walkinshaw

(SSB 5397 Senator Litzow)

- Requires the Department of Licensing to treat vessel owner records in the same way as vehicle owner records for purposes of disclosure.

SHB 1830: CREATING WASHINGTON STATE WRESTLING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Muri

(SB 5948 Senator Braun)

**Governor Signed*

- Creates the "Washington state wrestling" special license plates to promote and support college wrestling in Washington State.

EHB 1918: MODIFYING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO OFF-ROAD, NONHIGHWAY, AND WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND THEIR DRIVERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shea

- Authorizes motor vehicle repair shops to certify that all the required on-road vehicle equipment has been installed on wheeled all-terrain vehicles (WATV).
- Provides reciprocity for on-road use for WATVs from other states, if the state (1) has the same equipment standards as Washington State, (2) requires a license plate or metal tag, and (3) has similar reciprocity for Washington State WATVs.
- Authorizes a WATV to display a special disabled parking registration tab, beginning on July 1, 2017, allowing an eligible person to park the WATV in a space reserved for persons with disabilities.

SHB 2017: CREATING WASHINGTON FARMERS AND RANCHERS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Klippert

- Creates the "Washington farmers and ranchers" special license plates to provide funds to the Washington Future Farmers of America Foundation for educational programs in the state.

HB 2262: CREATING WASHINGTON TENNIS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist

- Creates the "Washington tennis" special license plates to provide funds for public indoor tennis courts in cities where none exist.

ESHB 2274: CONCERNING THE FILING OF VEHICLE REPORTS OF SALE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Harmsworth

- Changes the due date for filing a vehicle report of sale from 21 business days to five business days.
- Clarifies the legal responsibility for towing-related expenses regarding abandoned vehicles.

HB 2317: EXPANDING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND MEDIUM-SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van

- Authorizes the use of neighborhood and medium-speed electric vehicles on segments of state highways with a speed limit of 30 mph or less.

HB 2322: CONCERNING THE VEHICLE LICENSE COST RECOVERY FEE CHARGED FOR CERTAIN RENTAL CAR TRANSACTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

- Incorporates the definitions of "rental car" and "rental car company" as used in the rental car insurance code into the law regarding separately stated surcharges, fees, and charges.

SHB 2413: CONCERNING AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION SIMPLIFICATION AND FAIRNESS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent

- Removes the tiered penalty schedule and establishes a new, single fine of \$100 if an aircraft registration is 60 or more days late.
- Establishes a schedule for providing proof of aircraft registration to lease or purchase a hangar or tie-down at a municipality or port district airport.

ESHB 2524: MAKING 2015-2017 SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

(SSB 6307 Senator King)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Modifies the 2015-17 biennial appropriations for various transportation agencies and programs.
- A copy of the Governor's veto message can be found at:

<https://crmpublicwebservice.des.wa.gov/bats/attachment/vetomessage/7c1268d2-def2-e5111-80dd-005056ba278b>

SHB 2598: AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN CARGO EXTENSIONS THAT CONNECT TO A MOTOR HOME OR TRAVEL TRAILER FRAME

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt

(SB 6501 Senator Braun)

- Authorizes the use of cargo extensions in Washington State, subject to some equipment and safety related limitations.
- Defines cargo extensions as a device that connects to a motor home or travel trailer frame that does not pivot on a hitch, and has an axle with two wheels, acting as a tag axle, to safely carry the weight of the cargo.

HB 2599: AUTHORIZING THE FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD TO REMOVE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR PROJECTS AFTER A CERTAIN NUMBER OF YEARS WITHOUT CONSTRUCTION OCCURRING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt

(SB 6428 Senator King)

- Allows the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) to remove a project from its project list after six years if certain criteria listed in the bill are met.
- Requires a project sponsor, after six years, to submit a new application to FMSIB to be considered for funding again.

HB 2651: CONCERNING VEHICLE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT VALUES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rossetti

(SB 6357 Senator King)

- Places the formula for calculating the maximum gross vehicle weight limits in statute.
- Updates the maximum gross vehicle weight chart for vehicle configurations which are currently not listed in statute.

EHB 2745: MODIFYING THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO A CERTAIN FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

- Requires King County to appoint members to the Vashon Island Ferry Advisory Committee if the Vashon/Maury Island Community Council fails to appoint a person within 90 days of a vacancy.

HB 2807: CONCERNING HEAVY HAUL INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dye

- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to designate a heavy haul industrial corridor on state route numbers 128 and 193 from the Idaho border to the Port of Wilma.
- Authorizes WSDOT to issue special permits for overweight vehicles not to exceed a gross vehicle weight of 129,000 pounds.

HB 2815: MODIFYING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES WITH FERRY TERMINALS TO FORM A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hayes

- Allows counties with a population at least 75,000 and containing a Washington State Ferries terminal to form a Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

E2SHB 2872: CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF WASHINGTON STATE PATROL COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey

- Implements a five percent pay increase for troopers, sergeants, lieutenants, and captains effective July 1, 2016.
- Increases the distribution of the thirty dollar vehicle license fee to the State Patrol Highway Account by \$3.25 effective July 1, 2017.
- Requires salaries for troopers and sergeants on July 1, 2017, be guided by a salary survey on six local law enforcement agencies, and requires that increases in salary levels for captains and lieutenants that are collectively bargained must be proportionate to the increases in salaries for troopers and sergeants.

SHB 2884: MODIFYING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX AND PUBLIC UTILITY TAX CREDITS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

- Expands certain alternative fuel commercial vehicle tax credits to include leased vehicles.

HJM 4010: REQUESTING THAT STATE ROUTE NUMBER 99 BE NAMED THE "WILLIAM P. STEWART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dunshee

(SSJM 8014 Senator Hasegawa)

- Requests that the Washington State Transportation Committee commence proceedings to name State Route 99 the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

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ESSB 5435: EXPANDING PARTICIPATION IN THE WASHINGTON STATE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

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- Makes participation in the state deferred compensation program mandatory for persons newly hired by the state unless the employee elects to waive participation.
- Makes the bill contingent on funding being provided in the 2016 Supplemental Budget.

SSB 5864: CONCERNING SALES AND USE TAX FOR CITIES TO OFFSET MUNICIPAL SERVICE COSTS TO NEWLY ANNEXED AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Nelson

(SHB 1576 Representative Fitzgibbon)

**Governor Signed*

- Modifies the annexation sales and use tax that may be imposed by the city of Seattle by increasing the cap to \$7.725 million from \$5 million and decreasing the number of years that the tax can be imposed from 10 to six.
- Prohibits the city of Seattle from imposing the annexation tax unless the annexation is approved by the voters and prohibits annexation if the city takes over the provision of sewer services.

ESB 5873: PERMITTING PERSONS RETIRED FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN 1 TO SELECT A SURVIVOR BENEFIT OPTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Governor Signed*

- Provides a new window period to Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Retirement System (LEOFF) 1 retirees who: (1) are married to a spouse that is not eligible for the automatic full survivor benefit; (2) have been married to the spouse for at least two years prior to September 1, 2015; and (3) did not choose an actuarially equivalent survivor benefit within one year of getting married. Those LEOFF 1 retirees have one year from September 1, 2015, to designate their spouse as a survivor beneficiary for an actuarially equivalent survivor benefit.

SB 6263: PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERS WHO DIE OR BECOME DISABLED IN THE COURSE OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

(HB 2592 Representative Holy)

**Governor Signed*

- Provides to members of Plan 2 of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Retirement System (LEOFF) an unreduced retirement benefit if the member dies or becomes disabled as a result of federal service in response to natural disasters or other federal emergencies, and may apply for service credit for the period of their federal service.
- Provides retroactive eligibility to March 22, 2014.

SSB 6264: ALLOWING CERTAIN WASHINGTON STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' MEMBERS TO PURCHASE ANNUITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

(HB 2487 Representative Van De Wege)

- Allows certain members of LEOFF Plans 1 and 2 and the Washington State Patrol Retirement System to purchase an optional actuarially equivalent life annuity with a minimum payment of \$25,000. The payment may be made through an eligible or direct rollover, or trustee-to-trustee transfer from a tax-qualified plan offered by a governmental employer.
- Makes the bill contingent on funding being provided in the 2016 Supplemental Budget.

ESSB 6427: SPECIFYING THE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO DETERMINE WHEN SALES TAX APPLIES TO THE SALE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO A TRIBAL MEMBER

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

(ESHB 2783 Representative Springer)

- Creates an explicit exemption in state law, for an existing retail sales tax exemption, for vehicle sales to an enrolled tribal member delivered within Indian country.

SB 6475: ADDRESSING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS PURCHASING HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS BOARD PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dansel

**Governor Signed*

- Allows counties and political subdivisions with fewer than 5000 employees to join the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) health care program upon completion of a contract for coverage with the Health Care Authority (HCA).
- Allows HCA to develop a rate surcharge applicable to participating counties, municipalities, other political subdivisions, and tribal governments to account for any increased costs of benefits.

SSB 6523: PROVIDING SERVICE CREDIT FOR PENSION PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

- Allows an employee providing emergency medical services to a consortium of local governments to establish service credit in the Public Employees' Retirement System for service performed prior to July 23, 2003, if the service was performed in a county with a current population exceeding 700,000 but fewer than 800,000.
- Requires the employee to pay both the employer and employee contribution, as calculated by the Department of Retirement Systems, within five years of making the election to establish service credit.

SHB 2539: CONCERNING THE INHERITANCE EXEMPTION FOR THE REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX

Prime Sponsor: Representative Nealey

(SB 6367 Senator Hewitt)

- Allows persons who inherit property to receive an exemption from the real estate excise tax in circumstances where a person inherits property by operation of law but absent a will, trust, community property agreement, or other document or court order. To qualify for the exemption, the heir, or heirs, must submit a certified copy of the death certificate along with a lack of probate affidavit affirming that he or she is the rightful heir to the property.

ESHB 2540: MODIFYING THE PENALTY FOR TAXPAYERS THAT DO NOT SUBMIT AN ANNUAL SURVEY OR REPORT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Nealey

(SB 6412 Senator Hewitt)

- Reduces the penalty for failure to submit an Annual Tax Incentive Survey (Survey) or Annual Tax Incentive Report (Report) from 100 percent of the tax preference claimed to 35 percent for the first time a taxpayer is assessed a penalty for failure to submit, with an additional 15 percent penalty for failure to submit a Survey or Report for the same tax preference.
- Eliminates any additional interest or penalties for failure to submit a Survey or Report.
- Changes the due dates for Surveys and Reports from April 30 to May 31.

HB 2565: REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX CHANGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Vick

- Stipulates that local sales and use tax changes can only be made on the first day of January, April, or July. Previously, October was also an option.

HB 2741: ADDRESSING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL AGENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kuderer

(SB 6397 Senator Hill)

- Modernizes the statutes governing the banks and trust companies that serve as the fiscal agent of the state or local government for the purposes of registering and processing the debt payments on state and local bonds and other instruments of indebtedness.

2SHB 2839: PROVIDING A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO BE USED BY MAINTENANCE REPAIR OPERATORS FOR AIRPLANE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(SB 6454 Senator Fain)

- Exempts the construction of a building to be used by an eligible airplane maintenance repair operator from sales tax.
- Requires that, to qualify, the building must be located in an international airport in a county with a population over 1.5 million persons.

HB 2842: FINANCING OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR STATE-OWNED LANDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

(SB 6580 Senator Sen. Brown)

- Allows the city of Pasco to finance public improvements within a designated area of state land that has been sold or is pending sale, the property tax revenue from which the city can finance debt for public improvement projects, including general obligation bonds.

HB 2856: ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CHEHALIS BASIN

Prime Sponsor: Representative DeBolt

- Establishes the Office of Chehalis Basin in the Department of Ecology.
- Creates the Chehalis Basin Account in the State Treasury.
- Creates the Chehalis Board to oversee the implementation of the Chehalis Basin Strategy to reduce flood damage and improve aquatic species habitat.

EHB 2971: ADDRESSING REAL ESTATE AS IT CONCERNS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IN THE USE OF REAL ESTATE

EXCISE TAX REVENUES AND REGULATING REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McBride

- Requires the Municipal Research and Service Center (MRSC) to post a summary of ordinances involving the sale or lease of real estate and provide a link to the actual ordinance.
- A city or county may not use real estate excise tax revenue for maintenance of capital projects if it enacts a new requirement on landlords at the time of executing a lease to perform improvements or modifications to real property.

SHB 2985: EXCLUDING CERTAIN SCHOOL FACILITIES FROM THE INVENTORY OF EDUCATIONAL SPACE FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE ASSISTANCE FOR COMMON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

- Allows school districts to remove previously closed school buildings from the district's instructional inventory so that the buildings can be utilized for instructional space: (1) to support implementation of all-day kindergarten and reduced class sizes in kindergarten through third grade; or (2) to ease capacity overflow due to enrollment growth and failed bond elections within the past five years without penalty in the state construction funding assistance program from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021. School buildings returned to use for instructional space must meet public school safety standards.

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